



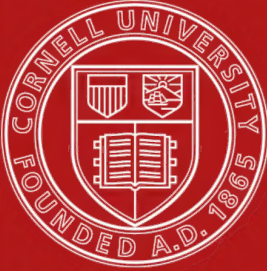
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PREFACE.

THE present volume continues the publication of the Records of the Convention of Burghs from 4th July 1615 to 3rd March 1631, and from 3rd July 1649 to 14th December 1676. The records for the period between 1631 and 1649 have unfortunately disappeared.

Since the sheets were printed off an Abstract of the more important Acts of the Convention from the commencement of the records in 1552 till the year 1700 has been discovered. It was prepared by the orders of the Convention, and laid before the annual General Meeting in July 1700, and may therefore be accepted as authoritative. So much of the Abstract as applies to the period between 1631 and 1649 will be printed in the immediately succeeding volume. The continuity of the records will thus be substantially secured.

In the two first volumes all the Acts of the Convention during the period over which the volumes extend are printed in full; but the Editor has adopted a different course in the preparation of this volume. Contenting himself with stating in smaller type the substance of purely formal acts, or of acts which have been given in full in the earlier volumes, he has printed the others *verbatim*. The names of all the Commissioners of Burghs who attended each Convention, Particular as well as General, are also given as they appear in the original record. By this means it is hoped the present volume will be found practically as useful as the original record. It contains the substance of every act, however formal. The *ipsissima*

verba of all that is new or important are preserved, and only unnecessary verbiage or what is otherwise useless is omitted.

It is impossible for any one who has not an intimate acquaintance with the records of the Scottish Burghs to appreciate fully the value of the minutes of the Convention in explaining and giving completeness to the records of these burghs. The Convention exercised a close supervision over the municipal affairs of Scotland. If any burgh failed to enforce the acts, either of Parliament or of Convention, as to the admission of burgesses or guild brethren, or permitted the privileges of trade to be usurped by unauthorised persons ; if any magistrates or councillors were irregularly elected ; if the common good of any burgh was applied illegally ; if any burghal office was sold, or any officer appointed by an objectionable tenure ; if any quarrel arose between a town clerk and the magistrates of a burgh, or between the merchant class and the craftsmen, the Convention, on complaint by persons interested, was prompt to call for explanations, to order investigation, and to secure redress. If any dire calamity happened to a burgh, or to its harbour or bridge, the Convention was ready to vote a grant in aid, or to recommend the sufferer to the considerate support of the other burghs. If a powerful baron or county magnate oppressed a neighbouring burgh, or if a royal burgh had to vindicate its rights against an aggressive burgh of regality or barony, the Convention was not unwilling to help the assailed both by council and pecuniary aid. And even if the rulers of a burghal community contemplated an application to the Crown for permission to tax themselves, or to levy an impost on ale or wine or other commodity entering the town, the licence of the Convention "to impetrate the gift," as it was called, had to be previously sought and obtained. Evidences of all this are of constant occurrence in the pages of this volume, and such frequent entries appear in regard to the internal affairs of almost every burgh as to make the records of the Convention a source of valuable information to all engaged in the investigation of local history, or in studying the burghal institutions of the country.

The Convention also exercised an acknowledged and important

influence in all matters affecting the foreign trade of Scotland. It had to do with the selection of the Staple Port, and prescribed the duties and supervised the action of the conservators, the factors, and the other officers of the Scottish establishment of the port. It regulated weights and measures, the freighting of ships, and an infinite variety of details connected with trade and merchandise, home and foreign. It is probably, therefore, not too much to say that an accurate knowledge of the commercial relations of Scotland with other countries cannot be obtained without a reference to these records.

The Convention has authorised the preparation of a fourth volume, the printing of which is already so far advanced that the Editor hopes to have it completed in the course of a few weeks. It will bring down the publication to about 1711.

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ERRATUM.

Page 615, act 19, line 6, *for* "the salmond, the tallon, the beef," *read*
"the salmond, the tallon, vlie, beef,"

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GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* ST ANDREWS.

4 July 1615.

ST ANDREWS.
4 July 1615.



DINBURGH, William Rig. George Foulls; Perth, Henric Elder, clerk, Andro Gray; Dundie, James Finlaysone, baillie, Maister Alexander Wadderburne; Abirdein, maister Alexander Culane; Stirling, Johne Schearer; Linlithgoe, Robert Ker, clerk; Sanctandrees, maister William Weymes, Robert Tailyeor, baillies; Glasgow, Mathow Trumbell; Air, Johne Blair; Dysart, David Symson; Hadingtoun, James Cokburne; Kirkcaldie, George Halkitt; Munrose, Hercules Tyleor; Cowper, William Crystesone; Anstruther Eister, Robert Alexander; Dumfreis, James Cunninghame; Inernes, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be the agent; Bruntiland, Johne Tod; Inerkithing, William Blackburne; Kinghorne, Johne Boswell; Brichane, Johne Norie; Irrwine, Robert Broun, clerk; Elgyne, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be Dundie; Jedburgh, Maister Johne Rutherford;

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Kirkcudbright, William Makelellane; Wigtoun, Johne Turner, clerk; Pitinweyme, William Stevinsone; Dumferling, Robert Aitkyne; Dumbartane, Johne Sempell; Ramfrow, William Sommervell; Lainrik, (*blank*); Abirbrothok, Andro Eliote; Peblis, Johne Dikesone; Craill, Johne Dingwall; Thayne, ratificatione and exemptione producit be the agent; Selkirk, George Wood; Anstruther Wester, Andro Melvill; Culrose, James Primrose; Dumber, George Purves; Bamff, Maister Alexander Craig; Qulithorne, (*blank*); Forfare, (*blank*); Rothesay, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be Ramfrow; Forres, Airthur Forbes; Rutherglen, Alane Spens; Northberwik, ratificatione and exemptione producit be Hadingtoun; Culane, (*blank*); Nairne, William Rose; Lawder, (*blank*); Kilrenie, ratificatione and exemptione producit be Anstruther Eister; Annand, exemptione and ratificatione producit be Dumfreis; Lochmabin, exemptione and ratificatione producit be Dumfreis; Sanquhair, ratificatione and exemptione producit be the agent.

- Citatione. 1. The commissioner of St Andrews verified the citation of the burghs.
- Moderator. 2. Mr William Weymes, first in commission for St Andrews, constituted moderator.
- Hours of meeting. 3. Hours of meeting appointed to be from eight till twelve forenoon, and from two till six afternoon; the absentees ordained to pay an unlaw of six shillings, "and sik as sall depairt fra this present conventione befor the subscriyving of the book to pay ane unlay as absents."
- Elgyne, Andro Shand, unfrietredder. 4. Anent the fourt act of the last generall conventione, . . . the commissioner of the burgh of Dundie producit ane testimoniall subscriyvit be the provest, baillies, and counsall of the said burgh of Elgyne, testifeing that the said Andro had desistit, quhilk the present commissioners accepts for diligence.
- Wigtoun, Mure, missive. 5. Anent the tuentic fourt act of the last generall conventione, . . . the commissioner of the said burgh of Wigtoun declairit vpon his conscience that the said Gilbert Mure had maid actuall residence within thair said burgh, quhilk the present commissioners of burrowes accepts for diligence, and farder ordeans the said burgh to report to the nixt generall conventione ane testimoniall of his residence.
- Kirkcudbright, Makeulloch, missive. 6. Anent the sext act of the last generall conventione, [the commissioner of Kirkcudbright produced letter of renunciation subscribed

by James Makelulloch and registered in the books of council 6th April 1615, with which the commissioners were satisfied], and ordeans the said burgh to report ilk conventione hou manye yeirs ar to expyre of the taks of the saids lands.

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7. Anent the tuelft act of the last generall conventione, [the commissioner for Dumfreis produced a testimonial testifying that the] depyvit burgessis had desistit from all tredding, quhilk beand sein be the saids commissioners they accept for diligence.

Dumfreis, depyvit burgessis.

8. Ordeans ilk burgh to produce in writt mair exact diligence, the nixt generall conventione, in punisching and restraining uufrie tredders within thair liberties, outland burgessis, regraiters, forstallers, and sailers without tikets, ilk burgh under the pain of aue unlay of tuentie pundis.

Unfrie tredders, regraiters, forstallers, missive.

9. Anent the thirtein act of the last generall conventione, [the commissioner of Glasgow] declairit that thair depyvit burgessis had desistit from vsurping the libertties of the regall burrowes, quhilk declaratione the saids commissioners accepts for diligence.

Glasgow, depyvit burgessis.

10. Auent the tuentie ane act of the last generall conventione, . . . compirit the commissioners of the saids burghs having sie ports and declairit they had made lauffull intimatione of the said ordinance to thair masters, quhilk the present commissioners accepts for diligence.

Masters of schips, passingers.

11. Instructed the commissioners to make intimation of new to their burghs of the 39th act of last general convention, and each burgh ordained to report to next general convention their diligence in keeping the same.

Statute, peuderers, missive.

5 July 1615.

12. [The commissioners ratified the fifth act of the particular convention held at Edinburgh in July 1613], and ordeans the burgh of Edinburgh to convey the hail burrowes nominat thairin, with Sanctandros and Linlithgoe, with all possibell diligence, to the effect that mater anent the contraversion betuix the burrowes and the burghs of baronie may be put to ane end.

Commissione, burghs of baronie, missive.

13. Compirit the commissioner of the burgh of Kirkcudbright and product ane act of thair court quhairin certain of thair nichtbours are depyvit of thair friedome for not making residence within thair said burgh. [Ordnained that the burgh use farther diligence] in caus-

Kirkcudbright, depyvit burgessis, missive.

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ing them desist from tredding and vsurping the liberties of the frie burrowes.

Perth unlayit,
chairage agent,
electione ma-
gistrats, mis-
sive.

14. Anent the sevent and aucht acts of the last generall conventione, [the agent produced a charge raised by him, as instructed, for payment of unlaws and election of magistrates, together with a suspension of the letters of charge; as also compeared the commissioner of Perth] and producit ane act subscriyvit be thair clerk, bearing the forme of thair said electione at the said feast of Michelmes last, quhilk beand sein and considerit be the saids commissioners of burrowes, they find the said burgh of Perth to have contravinit the said last act of burrowes in nominating my Lord of Skune to be thair provest at the said feast of Michelmes last, and thairfor decerns the said burgh in ane unlay of fyve hundreth pundis conforme to the said act, and ordeans thair agent to rais: chairges heirvpon and putt the samyne to executione befor the nixt conventione, and at Michelmes nixt to come ordeans the said burgh to conforme thair electione to the acts of parliament and burrowes under the pain of fyve hundreth pundis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive; and the said commissioner of Perth disassentit heirfra.

Hadingtoun
contra Dum-
bar.

15. Anent the complent of the commissioner of Hadingtoun aganis the toun of Dumbar, the commissioners of burrowes ordeans the said toun of Dumbar, with consent of thair present commissioner, to cause Johne Kellie, collector apointit be the commissioners that past to Dumbar for siing the acts of burrowes observed at the tak of hering at the said toun, mak his compts of his intromissione with the impost collectit be him for defraying of the saids commissioners chairges to the saids commissioners betuix and the first of August nixt to cum, and to caus the expenses of the commissioner of Hadingtoun be payit incaice it be not alreadie satisfet according to the said collector his compt.

Sanctandroes,
Methven.

16. Compirrit David Methven, baillie of Sanctandroes, and declairit that he was electit commissioner for Sanctandroes for passing to Dumbar with Edinburgh and Hadingtoun, and beand in his iorney contractit ane heavie seiknes, and thairby was made unabell to keip the tyme prefixit with the other commissioners, quhilk the present commissioners of burrowes accepts for ane excuse and dischairges the said burgh of the unlay continit in the said act quhilk they incurrit thruch thair commissioners absence.

17. The commissioners "grants and gives licence to the burghs of Forres and Nairne to abyde and remain fra all generall conventions of burrowes for the space of fyve yeirs," providing always that the exemption be not extended to parliaments or particular conventions ; that the burghs yearly send to the convention a ratification of all things to be done, with all sums contained in the missive, and that the expenses which they should pay the commissioners be bestowed on public works.

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Exemptione,
Forres, Nairne.

18. Licence given to the commissioners of Forres and Nairn to depart before the dissolving of this convention, they ratifying all acts made or to be made thereat.

Licence,
Nairne, Forres
to depairt.

19. Compirrit the particular commissioners of burrowes underwritten and oblisit thame as followes, videlicet, the commissioner of Dundie for Elgyne, the commissioner of Bamff for Culane, the commissioners of Kirkcudbright and Wigtoun for Qubithorne, and the agent for Lainrik and Lawder, and oblist thameselfes, of thair awin consent, particularlie as is above writtin, to produce betuix and the nixt generall conventione the severall approbationes and ratifications of the saids burghs, autentikle subscriyvit be the provest and baillies or clerks of the samyne, of all things done at this present conventione.

Dundie, etc.
to produce ra-
tifications of
Culane, Qubi-
thorne, Elgyne,
Lainrik and
Lawder,
missive.

20. Anent the 44th act of last general convention, the commissioners ordained the agent, in name of the burghs of Air and Dundie, to receive and discharge the sum of £60 therein mentioned.

Agent, Air,
Dundie, bur-
rowes.

21. Anent the 45th and 46th acts of last general convention, the agent reported that the sums therein mentioned had been paid ; and the commissioners ordained each burgh to pay their part of this year's pension to the agent at court before departing from the convention.

Agent at court,
his pensione.

22. [Anent the 43d act of last general convention, the commissioners having heard the report of John Schearer, commissioner of Stirling, and] red ane act of the counsall of the said burgh concerning the samyn, they find the said Johne Schearer to have done his diligence for away taking of the said mater and the act of conventione to be satisfieit for his pairt.

Stirling, crafts.

6 July 1615.

23. The commissioners ratified the 9th act of last general convention and the fifth act of the particular convention held at Edinburgh in July 1611, "anent the mater of balasting of boats, measurs of hering and barrells of hering." The burghs of Edinburgh, Anstruther Eister, and Dysart were appointed to send their commissioners to Dunbar on 5th August for the same purposes as those for which commissioners were appointed at last general convention, "and ordeans the burgh of Dumbar to concur with thame."

Commissione,
Edinburgh,
Anstruther
Eist, Dysart,
Dumbar, mis-
sive.

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Selkirk un-
layit, elec-
tione magis-
trats, missive.

24. Anent the fyfteint act of the last generall conventione, ... compirit the commissioner of the said burgh of Selkirk and producit the [form of election of their magistrates,] quhilk beand sein and considerit be the saids commissioners of burrowes they find that the said electione hes not procidit conforme to the saids acts of parliament and burrowes, and thairfor decerns thame in ane unlay of ane hundreth pundis, and continowis the vplifting thair of to the nixt generall conventione, and ordeans the said burgh to conforme tham selves to the saids acts in thair electione at Michelmes nixt to cum and in all tym cumming, . . . and to produce the forme of thair electione the nixt generall conventione.

Commissione,
customes
burgh from
burgh, missive.

25. Anent the mater of the customes takin be burgh fra burgh at thair tounland portis, mentionat in the seventeint act of the last generall conventione, . . . finds the said act to be satisfeit in maner following, to witt, be the burghs of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Stirling, Linlithgo, Sanctandros, Glasgow, Dysart, Culrose, Cowper, Kirkcaldie, Brichane, Kinghorne, Dumferling, quha producit tabells of thair customes; be the burghs of Abirdein, Dumfreis, Kirkcudbright, and Peblis, quha producit testimoniales testefeing thair burghs to uplift na custome of the inhabitants of the frie burrowes at thair toun land ports; the burghs of Muntrose, Wigtoun, Dumbartane, Ramfrow, Selkirk, Dumbar, Rutherglen, be solemne declaracione maid be thair commissioners quha declairit that thair was na custome takin at toun land ports. And gives power to the burghs nominat to meit at Edinburgh anent the mater of the burghs of baronie to visite all the saids tabells producit, and after inspectione and consideratione thair of to advyse and deliberat vpon ane satled uniforme ordor how the saids pittis customes sall be vplifted in all tyme cuming, and to report thair diligence thairanent the nixt generall conventione.

Electione,
magistrats,
deikins, mis-
sive.

26. Anent the article of the missive concerning the electione of the magistrats within burgh, the saids commissioners of burghs having sein and considerit the acts producit bearing the formes keipit within ilk burgh anent the electione of the saids magistrats, and finding that in the tyme of the electione the hail nummer of the persones having power to votte conveins not for that effect, pairtlic because they ar absent in thair voyages furth of this realme and pairtlic withdrawn be attending vpon thair awin necessar effairs, or utherwayes be visitat with death, thairfor the saids commissioners, all with ane consent, hes statute and ordeanit that if

anye of the saids electors be absent fra the said electione, that the provest, baillies, and counsell present sall have power to elect anye qualefeit persones wha hes been ane counsellor of that burgh of befor to supplie the absence of ilk absent counsellor fra the said electione, and lykwayes in caice anye of the deikins of crafts be absent fra the said electione to nominat the deikin of that craft the yeir preciding to supplie his place; quhilk persones sa nominat sall have as gritt power to vote in the said electione as if the ordinar electors war present. And lykwayes the saids commissioners, understanding the gritt confusione in the electione of the deacons of crafts within sum burrowes, quhilk procedeids from the electione of the saids deikins vpon severall dayes and in divers seasons of the yeirs, to the gritt hinderance of the commoun effairs of the saids burrowes; thairfor they have statute and ordeanit the deikins in all the burrowes of this realme sall be electit vpon ane day within ten dayes preceeding or following ilk feast of Michelmes, under the pain of ane unlay of ane hundreth pundis to be vpliftit of the contraviners of this present act to be payit to the burrowes. And ordeans ilk commissioner to intimat this act at thair home cumming to the provest, baillies, counsell and deikins of crafts of thair burgh; and ilk burgh to report thair diligence anent the observatione heirot to the nixt generall conventione, under the pain of ane unlay of tuentie pundis.

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Electione,
magistrats,
deikins, mis-
sive.

27. The commissioners ordained the burgh of Culrose to produce to next Culrose, impost general convention a more particular account of the receipt and expenditure of the impost granted them for reparation of their bridge. ^{missive.}

28. The commissioners ordained the burgh of Kirkcaldie to produce next Kirkcaldie, general convention a more formal account of the charge and discharge of their ^{compts mis-} common rent for the year 1615. ^{sive.}

29. Anent the 30th act of the last general convention, William Speir produced his account of his intromission with the impost granted to him for defraying William Nisbet's charges in passing to France for obtaining the ratification of the privileges of the nation in Normandy. The sum collected from 7th July 1614 to 7th July instant amounted to 711 franks, 2 sous, 10 dinners, which being deducted from the sum due last year, with interest thereon, left a balance due to Speir of 1063 franks, 7 sous. For payment of this he was authorised to continue the uplifting of the impost, to charge certain persons who had failed to pay duty, and directed to account as formerly. ^{Speir, compts, missive.}

30. Anent the 29th act of the last general convention, James Speir produced his accounts of the money collected in Campheir from 1st July 1614 to ^{Speir, compts, missive.}

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6 July 1615. Campheir. There was collected the sum of £187, 14s. 2d., Flemish money,
Speir, compts, leaving £573, 1s. 10d. still due; for payment of which James Speir was
missive. authorised to continue uplifting the impost.

Commissione,
Edinburgh,
Cunninghame.

31. William Rig, ane of the commissioners for the burgh of Edinburgh, producit ane letter missive direct to the present commissioners of burrowes from Thomas Cunninghame, factor in Campheir, togither with the said Thomas his compts of the impost apointit for defraying the ministers stipend at Campheir, quhilks beand hard and considerit be the saids burrowes they remitt the samyn to the burgh of Edinburgh, and ordeans the said burgh to wryt ane ansuer to the said letter beand that the burrowes hes sein and allowit his compts and findis thame verie mikill obleist to him for the pains taikin be him in collecting of the said ministers stipend. And as concerning his desyre anent the admitting of his sone in law to the office of factorie, if he war not ane stranger, and that his admisione wald not be preiudiciall to the liberties of the burrowes, they wald have most willinglie grantit his petitione, and promits to remember his travaills thankfullie whan occatione sall offer, quhairin they may kythe thair freindle dewtie ether to himselfe or anye his bairns. And as concerning the continuatione of the said Thomas in his office of collectorie they remitt the samyn to the said burgh of Edinburgh.

Abirdein,
Schort, mis-
sive.

32. William Rig, commissioner for the burgh of Edinburgh, producit ane letter direct from the magistrate of the toun of Campheir to David Aikinheid, thair dein of gild, schewing that certane merchands of the natione had, contrair to the contract past betuix the burrowes and thame, transportit certane staipell wairs to Holand, and in speciall Johne Schort, burges of Abirdein, quhairfor the saids commissioners of burrowes ordeans the burgh of Abirdein to apprehend the said Johne and put him under cautione that he sall compeir befor the commissioners of burrowes the nixt generall conventione to ansuer to the complent above writtin; and the said burgh to report thair diligence thairanent the nixt generall conventione.

Commissione,
Edinburgh and
burrowes, min-
ister at Camp-
heir.

33. Willim Rig, ane of the commissioners of the burgh of Edinburgh, producit ane supplicatione given in be maister Alexander Makduff, minister at thair staipell port at Campheir, desyring the saids commissioners of burrowes to accept into thair awin hands the collectione of the dewties apointit to be collectit for his stipend, and to grant unto him

yeirlie the soun of aucht hundreth gudlings, Fleams money, together with certane uther heids contenit in his supplicatione. [The commissioners remitted the supplication to the burghs appointed to meet regarding the burghs of barony, or to the burgh of Edinburgh, with power to dispose of it,] provyding allwayes that they sall doe nothing hurtfull or preiudiciall to anye substantiall point of the contract sett down betuix the burrowes and him in the particular conventione of burrowes haldin at Edinburgh the tuentie day of Januar the yeir of God 1614.

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Commissione,
Edinburgh,
etc.

34. The commissioners remitted to those of their number appointed to meet regarding the burghs of barony, (1) a letter "from Neill Kaa, master of the consergerie house at Campheir, for the repairing of certane inlaiks in the said consergerie house, quhilks apperteins to be done be the magistrats of the said toun of Campheir," and (2.) a letter "from Johnne Greissone, resident at the said toun of Campheir, craving the saids burrowes to wrytt to the said magistrats of Campheir to desyre thame to grant to him the benefeit of the natioun of wyne and beir, small and gritt, exceyse frie, for himselfe and familie alanerlie."

Commissione,
consergerie-
hous,
Greissone.

35. Anent the tuentie sext act of the last generall conventione, . . . Abirbrothok harburie, Auchterlonie. compirit the commissioner of the said burgh of Abirbrothok, and declairit that the said voluntar contributione grantit at the said burgh of Abirbrothok for reparatione of thair said harberie was maid compt of, quhilk the saids commissioners of burrowes accepts for diligence, and thairfor dischargis that pairt of the act anent David Auchterlonie, and ordeans the said burgh of Abirbrothok to accomplese the said wark alreadie begun vpon thair awin charges.

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36. Anent the fourtie seven act of the last generall conventione, [as to Edinbrough, commissione to London, charge agent, missive.] the saids commissioners finds the burghs of Edinburgh, Dundie, Sanctandros, Glasgow, Air, Dumbar, Dysart, Craill, Dumbartane, Kirkcaldie, Pitinweyme, Kirkcudbright, Abirbrothok, Kinghorne, Kilrenie, to have satisfieit the said act; and finds that the haill remanent burrowes having sie ports, videlicet, Perth, Abirdeyne, Stirling, Dunferling, Irrwine, Bruntiland, Northberwik, Dumfreis, Inerkithing, Hadingtoun, Wigtoun, Anstruther Eister and Wester, and Culrose, hes not satisfieit the said act, and thairfor decernis thame and ilk ane of thame to have incurrit ane unlay of fourtie punds continit in the said act, and ordeans the ane halfe

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Edinburgh,
commissione,
etc.

thairof to be payit to the agent, in name of the burrowes, and the uther halfe to the burgh of Edinburgh in recompense of thair loses sustenit be want thairof. [Each burgh having a sea port was, as at last general convention, directed to send to next general convention] ane perfect compt and payment of the rest of the said impost fra the first of Julie instant to the first of Julij 1616.

Commissione,
Nisbet, agent,
charge agent,
missive.

37. The commissioners decerned the burghs of Lainrik, Quhithorne, Rothesay, Sanquhair, Lochmavin, and Elgyne, in an unlaw of £20 each for non payment of their shares of the pension due to Mr Patrik Hammiltone, agent at court.

Forret, exac-
tions, Inghland,
missive.

38. Anent the fiftie thrid act of the last generall conventione, haldin at the burgh of Kirkcaldie, ordeaning Andro Forrett, burges of Sanct-androes, to observe and keip his pairt of the thrid act of the particular conventione of burrowes haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh the thirteint day of Julie 1613, . . . compirit the said Andro Forret and producit his Hienes letters patents, under his Maiesties gritt seall of England, commanding that no greater or other customes, imposts, fees, entrie silver, or uther dewties quhatsumever, sall be heirafter taken, exacted, or reseavid by onye officers or subiects of England and Ireland from Scots men or Scots schips, or anye goods or merchandices imported or exported by them or thair schips, then is vsuallie reseaved from Inglis or Irishe men, Inglis and Irishe schips, or onye goods imported or exported by them or thair schips to or from Inghland or Irland in all respects, and that Scots ships be no more repute or acompted strangers bottomes bot frie bottomes, paying no more customes, impositions, or uther dewties, for goods imported or exported by them, then if they wer imported or exported in Inglis or Irish bottomes, or to or from England and Irland, as at mair lenth is contenit in the saids letter patents daitit at Westminster the tuelft day of Apryll the thirteint yeir of his Hienes raigne of England, France, and Irland, and of Scotland the eight and fourtie. Quhilk beand sein and hard be the saids commissioners of burrowes, togither with the report of the gritt diligence in proséquunting and obtening of the saids letters patents, they find the said Andro to have satisfeit his pairt of the said act, and ordeans the saids letters patents to be insert and registrat in thair burrow booke *in futuram rei memoriam*.* And in consideratione of his gritt and extraordiner travells and chairges made be him in the

* The letters are engrossed in the MS. Convention Records, vol. iv., pp. 181, 182.

purchasing of the forsaid commoun benefeit to the weill of the hail burrowes of this realme, whairby he is reduced to extreame povertie and wreak, thairfor the saids commissioners hes all agreit that the said Andro, his factors or deputes, sall have power to vptak and rescave the particular voluntar or temperarie dewtie specifeit in the said act in maner mentionat thairintill, ay and quhill he be compleitlie payit of the soum of thrie hundreth pundis Stirling money, quhill be thir presents is grantit to him in recompence of his travells and expenses forsaidis, and in contentatione of the said soum of ane hundreth and ten pundis contenit in the said former act; and the forsaid impost apointit of befor to have bein vptakin at the ports of England or Ireland is be this present act now apointit to be payit and vptaking in Scotland at the ports whairfra the saids ships, crears, or barks sall depairt to whatsumever ports of England or Ireland, Londone exceptit; and ordeans the magistrats of ilk sie port to assist the said Andro in vptaking of the saids dewties, and to helpe him to the payment thairof; and if the commissioners convinand at Edinburgh for the mater of the burghs of baronie sall find it neidfull that Londone sould note be exceptit the present commissioners of burrowes ordeans that exceptione of Londone to be deleitt furth of this present act and the said dewtie to be vpliftit as well at Londone or uther pairt; and it is declairit that it sall be leissume to the said Andro or his factor to vptak the dewtie aboue writtin of all Scots schips and goods cummand from anye forane pairt to anye port of England or Irland (exceptand as of befor) at thair returning to Scotland, as lauffullie as if the saids schips had past directlie from Scotland to Ingland or Irland; and incaice the said Andro, or ony of his factors, sall vplift the said dewtie at any port in England or Irland, in that caice he sall forfeitt and amit his richt of the dewtie aboue writtin; and farder, in caice it sall be fund betuix and the nixt generall conventione the said gift not to be effectuall, and the said Scots schips and guids not relived of thair former burdings, in that caice the said Andro or his factor to have no longer power to vplift the saids dewties but untill the payment of the said soum of ane hundreth and ten pundis grantit in the former act maid at Edinburgh alanerlie. And ordeans the said Andro to produce his compts at ilk generall conventione ay and whill he be compleitlie satisfeit of the said thrie hundreth pundis; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

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Forret, exactions, Ingland, missive.

39. Anent the sixtieth act of the last generall convention, . . .

Jadge, barrells
of hering.

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Jadge, barrells
of hering.

findis the burgh of Edinburgh to have done thair diligence be productione of ane act of thair counsall, bearing thame to have citate before thame certane coupers of Leyth, quha being incallit declairit that they had conferrit the hering barrells of the Fleames bind with the iadge, and measured the sam with water, and fand that the hering barrell of Fleames bind continit aucht gallones and fyve choppins, as the said act of counsall of the dait the tuentie five of Jun 1615 beirs.

Sanctandroes
contra Craill,
Anstruther
Eister and
Wester, Pitin-
weyme, Kil-
renie, missive.

40. Ordeans the burghs of Craill, Anstruther Eister and Wester, Pitinweyme, and Kilrenie to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed to ansuer to the complent given in be the burgh of Sanctandroes agains [thame] for the alledgit debarring of thame to pak and peill within thair liberties.

Dumbartane,
Kirkcaldie,
Perth.

41. The commissioners of Dumbarton and Kirkcaldie passe l from their complaint given in at last general convention against Perth "for the alledgit exacting from thair nichtbours certane post silver."

Supplicatione,
Anstruther
Eister missive.

42. Each burgh ordained to send thair commissioners to next generall convention instructed to give answer to the supplication of Anstruther Eister for £400 "for help to the reparatione of thair decaying harberie."

Supplica-
tiounes, Had-
ingtoun, etc.,
missive.

43. Each burgh ordained to send thair comissioners to next generall convention instructed to give answer to the following supplications, "Hadingtoun for support to the reparatione of thair harberie of Abirladie, Anstruther Wester for helpe to thair re-edifying of thair decayit and ruinous calsayes and bullwarkes, Kinghorne for reparatione of thair heaven of Prittiecare, Inerkithing for support for reparatione of thair heaven, and Pitinweyme for help of thair decayit harberie."

Support,
bridge of Dy,
missive.

44. Anent the supplicatione given to the last generall convention at Kirkcaldie be the burghs of Perth, Dundie, Munrose and Brichane, craving support to the reparatione of the bridge of Dy, mentionat in the fiftie sext act of the said convention, the saids commissioners, understanding the utilite and profit that will thairby redound to his Hienes haill subiects of this realme travilling in thes pairt, hes grantit the soun of ane hundreth pund to be ingatherit of the saids burrowes conforme to the extent roll.

Support,
Bamff missive.

45. [After considering the supplication of the burgh of Bamff, craving support to the new intended work of building a harbour beside the burgh, the commissioners] for farder encouraging and furdurance of them in the advancement of the said notabell intendit worke, hes grantit and agreit to the soun of ane hundreth punds to be takin up conforme to the extent roll.

46. The commissioners of Dundee and Ayr confessed the receipt of £60 collected by the agent conform to the 20th act of this convention.

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47. Anent the supplicatione givine in be George Waid, mariner and burges in Anstruther Wester, deploring his depauperat estait, pairtlie be lose of his sicht, pairtlie be the raging of the tempestuous seas that daylie menases to bring down in his house standing most opposit thairto, to his utter ruine, and thairfor craving thair supplie for remeid thair of in tyme, the saids commissioners of burrowes having sein and considerit his said supplicatione hes grantit to him the soun of tua hundreth pundis, and ordanit the samyne to be ingatherit according to the extent roll.

Dundie, Air,
satisfait.
Support. Waid
missive.

48. Referring to the 46th act of the generall convention held at Selkirk in July 1608, Johne Nisbet declared that all the burghs had paid their share of 560 marks granted to Irvine, with unlaws, excepting Inverness, Elgyne, Culane and Lawder. These burghs were thereupon ordained to make payment and to bring their shares to the next convention.

Nisbet, Elgyne,
Culane, Law-
der, Inverness,
missive.

49. The saids commissioners of burrowes grants and gives licence to the burgh of Dysart to impetrat of our Soveran Lord ane gift of the impost following, to witt, of ilk tun guds losit in the said heavn to tak and have tua s. at the incumming, and at the laidning and outganging tua s., and of the vesschell tuelfe pennies for the tun at the incumming and tuelfe pennies at the outganging, and this of all sort of geir except coll, lyme, sklaitt and friestane, quhilk is ordeanit to be frie of the said impost; item, ilk chalder victuall dischargit or lost in the said herberie, tua s. at the incumming, and ilk schalder victuall transported furth thair of tua s., and of the vesschell tuelfe pennies ilk chalder incumming and lossing and tuelfe pennies at hir outganging and laidning; item, ane trie of ilk hundreth lost or laidnit within the said harberie; and this to indure for the space of seven yeirs, provyding they bestow the samyn vpon the reparatione of thair harberie and mak yeirlye compt thair of to the burrowes.

Dysart, impost.

50. The saids commissioners of burrowes grants and gives licence to the burgh of Kirkcaldie to impetrat of our Soverane Lord ane gift of the impost following, for the space of seven yeirs after the expyring thair of, for reparatione of thair heaven and schore, that is to say:—[same as in the immediately preceding act;] and ilk chalder salt of unfriemen sex s. aucht

Kirkcaldie, im-
post.

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d. and of friemen thrie s. four d., and of the vesschell, of unfriemen tua s. and of the friemen tuelfe pennies.

Dumfreis, im-
post.

51. The saids commissioners of burrowes grants and gives licence to the burgh of Dumfreis to impetrate of our Soverane ane gift of the impost following, to indure for the space of seven yeirs, for reparatione of thair ruinous bridge, videlicet, of ilk pak tua s., ilk horse ane s. iiij d., ilk kow ane s. iiij d., ilk sheip ij d., ilk lamb a pennie, ilk pak skins tua s., ilk daiker hydes xij d., ilk bark thirtein s. iiij d., ilk bott laidnit thrie s. iiij d.

Peblis, impost.

52. The saids commissioners of burrowes grants and gives licence to the burgh of Peblis to impetrat of our Soverane Lord ane gift of the impost following, to witt, tua pennies of ilk horse, aucht pennies of ilk scor scheip, tua pennies of ilk futtman, four pennies of ilk horse man cummand to thair bridge; and this to indure for the space of seven yeirs, provyding allwayes they bestow the samyne vpon the reparatione of thair said bridge.

Dumferling,
yairne, missive.

53. The commissioners ordained each burgh to send their commissioner to next general convention sufficiently instructed to answer a complaint by Dumferling as to "the gritt hurt sustenit be tredders with yairne thruch the insufficiency of the reill."

Kirkcud-
bright, impost.

54. The commissioners granted licence to Kirkcudbright to impetrate of the king the following impost for seven years, viz., of everie schip, bark, crear or boatt that arryves within thair liberties the soun of tuentie s., to be takin anes in the yeir alanerlie, and to bestow the samyne vpone the reparatione of thair herberie."

Complents,
Wigtoun con-
tra Air, Kirk-
caldie contra
Dumbar, mis-
sive.

55. The commissioners ordained the burghs to send their commissioners sufficiently instructed to answer the complaint of (1) Wigtoun against Air "for suffering Andro Summer and David Fergusone thair burgessis to mak residence in the claunchane of Monigoff," and (2) Kirkcaldie against Dumbar "for exacting of thair nichtbours certane impostes in the tak of hering at Dumbar, 1613."

Findar, Kirk-
caldie.

56. The commissioners ordained the burgh of Kirkcaldie to "pay to Thomas Finder, post, the soun of sex pund for his fie the last yeir restand awand be tham to him."

Dumferling,
Culrose, unfrie
tredders, _mis-
sive.

57. The saids commissioners of burrowes ordeans the burghs of Dumferling and Culrose caus John Hadderweik, Adam Sanders, and William Currore, induellers in Teryburne, desist from vsing the tred of merchandice and vsurping the liberties of the frie burrowes.

58. Anent the supplicatione given in be Johne Corstorphin, induellar in Campheir, desyrand licence and privileged to vent wyne and beir to the natioun, the commissioners of burrowes refers the samyne to the particular burrowes apointit to meit at Edinburgh.

ST ANDREWS,
7 July 1615.
Corstorphine,
referrit.

59. Anent the supplicatione presentit be the rector of the Universitie of Sanctandroes, in name of the maisters, regents, students, and other members of the said Universitie, bearing in effect that about thrie yeirs since or thairby they intendit to build ane librarie and bibliothek within the said citie for conserving of sik books as micht serve to the advance-ment of all liberall sciences professit in the said Universitie, and that by his Maiesties most princelie liberalitie and the charitabell aide and support of divers nobell men, barrons, gentelmen and uthers well affected persones, favorers of learning, the fabrick of the house is so far promotit that the stane work thair of is almost perfytit; and becaus the theiking, glassing, and planisching thair of with tymmer work and books will requyre gritt chaarges and expenses, quhilks they are nawayes abell to furneis bot by the voluntar helpe and contributions of cheritabell and weill disposit persones, thairfor finding good occatione offerit be resorting of the commissioners of burrowes to this citie to thair generall conventione, and beand persuadit of thair good dispositione to the fortherance of all such profitabell and honorabell work, whair of they have allreadie had experience in a pairt by the liberall contributione given be the burrowes of Edinburgh, Dundie and Sanctandroes, thay are movit to crave and implor ane voluntar and effectuell help and subsidie to be given be the rest to the accomplishing of this necessar work, seing thairby thair awin childrein and postertitie may be as mikill benefitit as ony uthers of the kingdome, as the said supplicatione proports. After reiding and consideratione quhair of all the saids commissioners, finding the petitione above writtin most reasonabell, hes promittit and be thir present promits to commend the samyne to thair nichtbours the magistrats and counsall of thair burrowes respective immediatlie after thair returning to thair saids burghs, and to extend thair credeit and moyane most affectuallie to move thame to give thair voluntar help and contributione to the said worke and to send the samyne to the nixt conventione with thair commissioners to be nominat for keiping thair of, lykas they have desyrit my lord rector to direct ane maister or regent of the said Universitie to re-

Supplicatione,
universitie of
Sanctandroes,
missive.

ST ANDREWS,
7 July 1615.

seave the samyne at the said conventione; and, that they may the better remember, it is ordeanit to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Clerk of Sanct-
andrees, agent.

60. Ordeans thair agent to give to the clerk of the burgh of Sanct-andrees the soum of tuentie li. for wryting and directing of the missive.

8 July 1615.

Commissione,
coquet clerks,
missive.

61. Forsuamikill as it wes compleinuit be ane nummer of the commissioners that the burrowes having sey portis ar abused and havelie damnafeit be the coquet clerks quha sould awaitt on at thair frie burghs and ports for geving coquets to the schips and merchands, noch the les quhen the saids schips or merchands hes payit thair dewties and customes to his Maiesties customers the said coquet clerks wilfullie absents thame selfis or refuisis to delyver thair coquets tymouslie, quhairby the saids merchands and skippers, be tinsall of ane tyde, ar compellit to tyne the profite of thair haill voyage without the said coquet clerks be gratefeit extrordinarlie by thair dew, thairfor the present commissioners of borrowes gives commissione to the particular conventione that sould meit at Edinburgh, or the said burgh of Edinburgh, to mein this mater to the lords of exchaker or secreit counsell for remeid thairof; and to report thair diligence the nixt conventione generall.

Dumbartane,
compts.

62. The commissioners, having considered the accounts of Dumbarton for the sums granted for work at the water of Leven, referred to in the 21st act of the general convention of 1612, the 58th of 1613, and the 42d of 1614, with the report of the auditors, ratified and approved of the same, and "finds the saids compters as yit superexpendit in the soum of £3101, 2s. 4d." The receipts include the sum of 12,000 merks "resavit by his Maiesties speciall directione from his Hienes reseavers in this kingdome in recompense of thair superexpenses."

Sempell, Fallisdaill, bur-
rowes.

63. Compirrit Johne Sempell and Thomas Fallisdaill, collectors of the taxatione apointit for helpe of the burgh of Dumbartane, and oblisit thamselves never to burdein the burrowes with the superexpenses of thair compts in na tyme heirafter.

Dumbar, un-
layit, chairge
agent, missive.

64. The present commissioners unlayes the burgh of Dumbar in ane unlay of tuentie pund for depairting fra this conventione befor the dissolving thairof.

Place of con-
ventione,
Perth.

65. The commissioners appointed their next general convention to be held at Perth, beginning on 2d July 1616.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* PERTH.

2 July 1616.

Edinburgh, David Aikinheid, George Foulls ; Perth, James Adam-
sone ; Dundie, Maister William Fergusone ; Abirdein, Thomas Minzies ;
Striviling, Johne Schearer ; Linlithgoe, Androe Bell ; St. Androes,
Maister William Weymes ; Glasgowe, Johne Lawsone ; Air, James Blair ;
Dysart, David Symson ; Hadingtoun, Herie Cokburne ; Kirkcaldie,
James Balcanquall ; Montrose, William Ramsay ; Couper, David Ander-
sone ; Anstruther Eister, Robert Alexander ; Dumfreis, Johne Corsane ;
Inernes, Androe Fraser ; Bruntland, Androe Watsone ; Inerkithing,
William Blaikburne ; Kinghorne, Maister Robert Cunninghame ;
Brichane, Johne Leiche ; Irrwine, be exemptione and ratificatione pro-
ducit be the agent ; Elgyne, be exemptione producit be Dundie ; Jed-
burgh, Maister Johne Rutherford ; Kirkcudbright, William Makccllane ;
Wigtoun, Johne Turner ; Pitinweyme, William Stevinsone ; Dumfer-
ling, Maister Thomas Wardlawe ; Dumbartane, Johne Fallisdail ; Ram-
frow, William Sommervell ; Lainrik, Robert Lockart ; Aberbrothok,
Johne Grangeir ; Peblis, Archibald Frank ; Craill, Johne Mackiesone ;
Thayne, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be the agent ; Selkirk,
Maister Johne Ker ; Anstruther, George Symson ; Culrose, James
Primrose ; Dumbbar, William Lawder ; Bamff, Maister Alexander Craig ;
Quhithorne, (*blank*) ; Forfare, James Traill ; Rothesay, (*blank*) ; Forres,
exemptione and ratificatione producit be the agent ; Rutherglen, Alane
Spens ; North Berwick, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be
Hadington ; Culane, (*blank*) ; Nairne, (*blank*) ; Lawder, be exemptione
and ratificatione producit be the agent ; Kilrenie, Johne Jamesone ;
Annand, be exemptione producit be Dumfreis ; Lochmavin, (*blank*) ;
Sancheir, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be the agent.

PERTH.
2 July 1616.

1. The commissioner of Perth verified the citation of the burghs.
2. Henrie Elder, first in commission for Perth, constituted moderator.
3. Hours of meeting appointed to be from nine till twelve forenoon, and from two till six afternoon ; same rules as to attendance and voting as at last general convention.

Citatione.

Moderator.

Hours of meet-
ing.

PERTH.
2 July 1616.

Outland bur-
gessis, fore-
stallers, regra-
ters, missive.

Wigtoun un-
layit, charge
agent, missive.

4. Ordeans ilk burgh to produce to the nixt generall conventione mair exact diligence in writt in restraining thair outland burgessis, fore-stallers, regraters, sailers without tickets, and unfriemen vsurping thair liberties.

5. Finds the burgh of Wigtoun to have vsit na diligence in the depyrving of Gilbert Mure, thair outland burges, of his liberties, nor causing him mak his residence within thair burgh, conform to the fyft act of the last generall conventione, [and therefore decerns the burgh in an unlaw of £100], and ordeans the burgh of Wigtoun to report to the nixt generall conventione mair exact diligence in causing the said Gilbert Mure mak his residence within thair said burgh, or in caice the said Gilbert remove himselfe furth thairof, that the said burgh sall lafullie depryve him of his liberties, under the pain of ane hundreth pundis to be payit to the burrowes.

Kirkcudbright,
common
lands, missive.

6. Anent the sext act of the last general conventione, [the commissioner of Kirkcudbright produced a testimonial] testifeing that thair is yit four yeirs to expyre of the taks, . . . and as of befor ordeans the said burgh to produce to the nixt generall conventione lyk diligence.

Statute, Pen-
der, missive.
Commissione
burgh of baro-
nie, missive,
Edinburgh.

7. Act passed in terms similar to the 11th act of last general convention.

8. The commissioners ratified the fifth act of the particular convention held at Edinburgh, 12 July 1613, and ordained that burgh to convene the burghs of Perth, Dundie, Abirdeyne, Air, Glasgow, Stirling, St. Androes, and Linlithgoe, "for putting the contraversies betuix the frie regall burrowes and burghs of baronie to ane finall end."

Kirkcudbright,
outland bur-
gessis, missive.

9. Anent the thirtein act of the last generall conventione, ... finds the said burgh of Kirkcudbright to have done na diligence, and thairfor ordeans thame as befor to produce mair exact diligence in causing the suspensions, if anie be, be discussit, and that they cause raise letters of horning simpliciter agains the stewards and shereffes for apprehending of the persones continit in thair other letters of horning or ane warrand from the guard, and in putting the saids letters and warrand to executione, and to produce thair diligence thairanent the nixt generall conventione.

Perth unlayit,
electione of
magistrats,
missive.

10. Anent the fourteint act of the last generall conventione, ... compirit maister Robert Winrahame, agent, and producit letters of horn-
ing against the said burgh [of Perth], quhilk the saids commissioners of

burrowes accepts for diligence on his part. As also comphit James Adamsonsone, commissioner for the burgh of Perth, . . . and producit the forme of thair electione at Michaelmas last, subscrivit be thair clerk, quhilk beand sein and considerit be the saids commissioners of burrowes they find the said burgh to have contravinit the saids acts of parliament and burrowes and not to have obeyit thair said ordinance in nominating and electing my Lord Skune to be thair provest at the said feast of Michelmes last, and thairfor decernes the said burgh in the said unlay of fyve hundreth punds, and for sundrie good causses moving them they suspend the vplifting of the said unlay and all uther unlayes incurrit be them for the cause forsaid to the nixt generall conventione of burrowes ; and ordeans the said burgh in all tyme cumming to proceid in the electione of thair provest, baillies, counsell, and other officers conforme to the acts of parliament and burrowes, under the pane of fyve hundreth punds, and to produce the forme of thair electione at Michaelmes nixt to cum to the nixt generall conventione.

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Perth unlayit,
electione of
magistrats,
missive.

11. Ratifications required by the 19th act of last general convention produced.

Ratificationes,
Elgyne, Quhit-
horne, Lainrik,
Lauder.

12. The commissioners decerned the burgh of Anstruther Eister in an unlaw of £20, for failing to send a commissioner to Dunbar as required by the 23 act of last general convention.

Anstruther
Eister unlayit,
chaire agent.

13. Act passed "anent the balasting of bots, measures of hering and barrells of hering," in terms similar to the 23d act of last general convention. With regard to the commissioners appointed to meet at Dunbar, it is provided that in case any shall happen "to fall seik, sua that he sall be unhabill for to meitt or abyde with the other commissioners, ordeans the burgh whairfra that commissioner is directed to elect ane uther for suppliing of his place." The duty of 6s. 8d. per last of herring is ordained "to be payit as well be the inhabitants of the said toune, makers of hering, as of other burrowes and strangers "

Commissione,
Edinburgh,
Anstruther
Eister, Dysart,
Dunbar, mis-
sive.

14. Anent the complaint of the commissioner of Dysart with regard to his charges during his abode at Dunbar, the commissioners directed an account of the impost to be laid before nixt convention, and that the charges of the commissioners who attended at Dunbar should be paid from the superplus.

Dysart,
charges, Edin-
burgh, missive.

15. Anent the tuentie fourt act of the last generall conventione, [the commissioners suspended the uplifting of the unlaw of £100 imposed on the burgh of Selkirk till next generall convention], and ordeans the said burgh to proceid in the electione of thair magistrats at Michelmes nixt

Selkirk, elec-
tione, magis-
trats, missive.

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Selkirk, etc.

to cum, and in all tyme cumming, conforme to the acts of parliament and burroues, under the pain of ane hundreth pundis to be payit to the burroues, and to produce the forme of thair said electione at the feast of Michelmes nixt to cum to the nixt generall conventione of burroues, under the pain of tuentie pundis.

Commissione,
customes,
burgh fra
burgh, missive.

16. Anent the mater of the customes takin be burgh fra burgh at thair tounland ports, mentionat in the tuentie fyve act of the last generall conventione, [the commissioners] productit thair tabells of thair customes vpliftit be thame at thair tounland ports, and sik burrowes as vpliftit na such custome thair commissioners productit autentik testifications of the samyne. The present commissioners of burrowes, now as befor, continowes the said mater to the nixt generall conventione of burrowes, and incaice betuix and the said generall conventione thair intervein anie particular conventione gives power to the commissioners thair convinand to visitte all the saids tabells produced, and after inspectione and consideratione thair of to advyse and deliberat vpon ane satled uniforme order how the saids pittie customes sall be vpliftit in all tyme cumming, and to report thair diligence thairanent the nixt generall conventione.

Speir, compts,
missive, agent.

17. Anent the 29th act of the last general convention, ordaining William Speir to produce his account of his intromission with the impost therein mentioned, from July 1615 to July 1616, the commissioners "understanding the death of the said umquhill William to have intervinit," continued the matter till next general convention, and ordained the heirs, relict, or executors to produce the accounts "since the first beginning thair of to the moneth of Julie 1617."

Speir, compts,
missive.

18. Anent the 30th act of last general convention, ordaining James Speir to present his accounts of his intromission with the impost therein mentioned, the commissioners, "understanding the said James to be out of the contrey, thairfor they continow the mater to the nixt generall conventione."

3 July 1616.

Suspension,
Wigtoun.

19. The commissioners suspended the uplifting from Wigtoun of the unlaw of £100 referred to in the 5th act of this convention till next general convention.

20. Anent the 37th act of the last general convention Mr Robert Winrahame
 “grantit him to be fullie satisfieit of thair pairt of the said pensione, Lochmavin
 excepted, and dischargit the saids burroues thairrof.”

PERTH.
 3 July 1616.
 Lainrik, etc.

21. Anent the complaint of Andro Forrett against the burgh of Kirkcaldie
 for non-payment of the impost appointed to him by the 38th act of last general
 convention and suspension of the charge raised by them, the commissioner of
 Kirkcaldie and James Law, bailie, in name of that burgh, appeared and “past
 fra the said suspensieone and dischargit the samyne” and all other suspensions till
 the said act be completely satisfied.

Forrett, Kirk-
 caldie.

4 July 1616.

22. Anent the tuentie sext act of the last generall conventione, [the
 commissioner of Perth] producit the forme of thair electione at Michelmes
 last, quhilk beand sein and considerit be the commissioners of borroues
 presentlie convinit, they find the said burgh to have transgressit the said
 act in not chesing of thair deacons of craft within ten dayes preciding the
 said feast of Michelmes last and vpon ane day, and thairfor decerns thame
 in ane unlay of ane hundreth punds continit in the said act, and ordeans
 thair agent to uplift the samyne; and ordeans the said burgh to conforme
 themselves in the electione of thair magistrats, counsell, and deacons of
 crafts in all tym cumming, and in speciall at Michelmes nixt to cum, con-
 forme to the saids acts of parliament and burroues maid anent electione of
 magistrats, counsell, and deacons of crafts, under the pain of ane hundreth
 punds.

Perth unlayit,
 chaarge agent,
 electione of
 deacons,
 missive.

23. The saids commissioners of burroues having sein and considerit
 the forme of the electione of magistrats, counsell, and deacons of crafts
 within the saids burroues, and finding the tuentie sext act of the last
 generall conventione of burroues haldin at the burgh of St Androes maid
 thairanent hes not bein well observit at the feast of Michelmes last, thair-
 for they of new ratifies and approves the said act in all the heids, clauses,
 and articles thairrof, and ordeans the samyne to be putt to farder execu-
 tion, under the pains continit in the said act, and the commissioners now
 present to intimat of new the samyne to thair burroues at thair hom
 cumming and caus the samyne be inviolabellie observit; and ordeans ilk
 burgh, and in speciall the burghs of St Androes and Glasgowe to produce
 to the nixt generall conventione of burroues the forme of the electione of

Electione of
 deacons,
 missive, St
 Androes, Glas-
 gow, missive.

PERTH.
4 July 1616.

their magistrats, counsell, and deacons of crafts at Michelmes nixt to cum, and to proceed tharintill conforme to the acts of parliament and burroues.

Peblis com-
moun lands
missive.

24. The saids commissioners of burroues ordeans the burgh of Peblis to send with thair commissioner to the nixt generall conventione ane perfyte rentall of thair commoun good and commoun lands, to be sein and considerit be the commissioners of burroues than convinand if the samyne be putte to the uttermost avall conforme to the acts of burroues, under the pain of ane hundreth pundis, and ordeans thair commissioner present to intimat this present act to his said burgh at his home cumming.

Commissione,
certane bur-
gessis of Kirk-
caldie, Edin-
burgh and
Dysart,
missive.

25. Compirrit David Aikinheid, ane of the commissioners for the burgh of Edinburgh, and producit ane letter direct to him from the toun of Campheir, schewing that certane merchands of the natioun had, contrair to the contract past betuix the burroues and thame, transported certane stapell wairs to Holand, and in speciall John Wre in Edinburgh, Archibald Symsonsone in Dysart, Alexander Law skipper in Kirkcaldie, and Johne Symponsone skipper in Dysart, for redres quhairof the saids commissioners of burroues ordeans the burghs of Edinburgh, Kirkcaldie, and Dysart to present the saids persons befor the commissioners to be convinit at Edinburgh the tuelf day of Julie instant, [and if there be no meeting at that time, the provost, bailies, and council of Edinburgh were authorised to try the said persons and punish them if found guilty]. And ordeans the commissioners present to intimat to thair burroues at thair ham cumming the acts and statuts maid anent transporters of stapell wairs to uther pairts than the stapell port . .

Minister at
Campheir.

26. David Aikinheid, ane of the commissioners for the burgh of Edinburgh, [produced discharges by the minister and reader of the kirk at Campheir for their stipends which were ordained] to be insert in thair burrowe buikis *ad futuram rei memoriam*; as lykwayes, producit ane uther letter direct to the present commissioners of burroues from the elders and deacons of the kirk of the natioun at Campheir, desyring the absence of thair minister from this present conventione to be excused, quhilk beand red be the commissioners of burroues they find thair desyre most ressonabell, and according to thair petitione thairin contenit ordeans his stipend to be payit to him as in tymes past, extending yeirlie to the

soum of aucht hundreth gudlines Fleames money, according to the contract past betuix the burroues and him thairanent ; and vpon sure informatione of his gritt and long seiknes this yeir by past, whairby his moyane is exhaustit, they gratifie him with the soum of tuentie fyve pundis Fleams . . . and ordeans the burgh of Edinburgh to cause ane letter be direct in name of the burroues to the said minister declairing thair prociding anent the premissis and desyring him continow in his service thair as in tymes past.

PERTH.
4 July 1616.
Minister at
Campheir.

27. Anent the supplicatione given in be Thomas Cunninghame, factor in Campheir, desyring James Cunninghame, his sone, to be admittit and reseavit ane factor for the natioun at the said toun, the commissioners of burroues, in remembrance of the pains and travells taking be him in collecting and gathering of the ministers stipend at the said toun, and uther good dewties done be the said Thomas to the natioun, and vpon the speciall informatione of my lord conservator of the qualificatione, sufficiencie, and habilitie of the said James for discharge of his dewtie in the said office of factorie, grants and gives thair consent, ratificatione, and approbatione to the said James Cunninghame his admisionne to the said place of factorie, and this to indure sua long as the said James sall beheave him selfe dewtifullie and faithfullie in his said office.

Letters to
Campheir,
Edinburgh.

28. Ordeans the burgh of Edinburgh, in the letters to be directit in the burroues names to the magistrate of Campheir, to remember the said magistrate to have ane cair of the reparatione of the consergerie house and yaird thair of, bigging of the dyks of the samyne, and in furnising of the said house with beir and wyne and uther necessers, excyse frie, and that the master be readilie ansuerit thair of vpon his awin expenses, as also to wrytt to tham anent ane counsell house for the natioun.

29. The commissioners of burroues, understanding the gritt inormities done be sundrie of the natioun cummand to the toun of Campheir, in resorting and repairing to uther places for thair ordinares than the consergerie house, as also the topping of wyne and beir to the natioun be sundrie factors and uthers having the liberties of the natioun, grittumlie tending to the hurt and preiudice of the master of the consergerie house and utter ruine of the said house, for remeid whair of the said commissioners of burrowes hes statute and ordeanit, lyk as they be thir presents statuts and ordeans and strictlie inhbits the factors and uthers having

Statute, con-
sergerie house,
conservator.

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Statute, con-
sergerie hous,
conservator.

the priviledge of the natioun to invite any merchand of the natioun to supper, or vpon ane Sunday at noone or even, under the pain of tuentie shillings Fleams to be payit be the transgressor to the master of the said consergerie house, *toties quoties*; and that nane of the natioun or factor tope anye beir or wyne or sell meitt and drink to anye merchands, mariners, or uthers of the natioun, under the pain of fyve pundis Fleams to be payit be the transgressor to the master of the consergerie house, *toties quoties*; and ordeans the merchands that keips not thair ordinar houre of dyett, and cums not in dew tyme to the ordinar, sall pay his ordinar as if he had bene present; and ordeans my lord conservator present and his deputs to sie this act to executione.

Bawtie, factor.

30. In compliance with the supplication of Gilbert Bawtie, factor in Campheir, the commissioners admitted Robert Bawtie, his eldest son, as a factor for the nation at that town during "his good behavior and dewtifull discharge in the said office."

Forrett, exac-
tions, Ingland,
Ireland, missive.

31. Anent the thirtie aucht act of the last generall conventione, [the commissioners ordained Androe Forret to present his accounts of the impost therein granted to next general convention, and to cause the] letters patents purchesit be him in favors of the saids merchands be publisit in the contrey of Ireland at all the ports necessar thairof, to the end the samyne may becum effectuell and the merchands may inioy the liberties and immunities continit thairin.

Statute, sus-
pensions, ad-
vocations,
missive.

32. [The commissioners ratified the 44th act of the general convention held in July 1610 and 11th act of the general convention held in July 1611, anent the purchasers of advocations and suspensions,] with this additioun that in caice it sall happin anye suspensions to be purchesit be anye burgh or inhabitant thairof agains anye generall act, lawe, or statute of burroues, maid or to be maid be the commissioners of burroues at thair conventions, and thair successors, for the generall weill and commoditie of the haill burroues and inhabitants thairof, after the calling and discussing of the samyne, to be decydit be the iudge ordinar agains the said suspenders, and the letters and chaarges raisit vpon the saids acts and statuts fund lauffullie procidit, notwithstanding of the ressons of the said suspensions, that thane and in that caice the purchessers of the said suspensioun sall be haldin to content and pay to the remanent burroues and

thair agent in thair name the soume of ane hundreth pundis ; and ordeanis ilk commissioner to mak intimatione of this present act to thair burroues at thair home cumming and cause the samyne be lauffullie publisit that nane pretend ignorance, and ilk burgh to report thair diligence in publicatione and intimatione of the samyne to the nixt generall conventione under the pain of tuentie pundis.

PERTH.
4 July 1616.
Statute, sus-
pensions, etc.

33. The saids commissioners of burroues having sein and considerit the sevent act of the particular conventione of burroues haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh the tuentie four of October 1612, whairin Maister Robert Mure, servitor to his Maiestie, wes electit and chosen to be agent at Londone for the burrowes for the effairs of the merchands, mariners, and uthers of the natioun, trafficquers resortand to the said port of Londone, and that onlie for the yeir to cum, as the said act maid thairagent at mair lenth beirs ; and now finding the said place to be vacand, and that the said Maister Robert hes never exercit the said office, and also understanding the necessitie of ane agent thair, and the gritt damages and hurts sustenit be the merchands, skippers, mariners, and uthers resortand and traffickand to the said port of Londone and divers uthers ports of England, be the sercheors, promotors, customers, and uthers thair, and pairtlie be thair awin ignorance, and that the samyne can be nawayes so well prevented as be the electing and chusing of ane honest and sufficient man to remain at Londone vpon the attendance of the effairs forsail, and understanding perfytlie of the qualificatione of Maister Johne Broun, servitor to the Duik of Lennox, and desyrous to avoyd the saids damages and hurts, hes electit, creat and constitute, lyk as they be thir presents elects, creatts, and constituts the said Maister Johne Broun thair undoubted agent, procurator, and commissioner for the effairs forsaid of the saids merchands, skippers, mariners, and uther trafficquers to the said port of London and divers uther ports of England, and that during the burroues will alanerlie, and with provisione and specciall conditione [etc. as in appointment of Robert Mure, *vile* vol. ii., p. 380]. And the said Maister Johne comperand accepted the said office vpon him according to the conditions above writtin and geve his aith *de fidei administratione* ; and lykwayes promittit to cause publicatione be made at all the sie ports, and uther pairts necessar of England, the patent impetrat be Androe Forrett, citicen of St Androes, in favors of merchands, mariners, and skippers

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traffiquand within the kingdome of England, anent the fies customes and dewties to be payit be thame in tyme cumming in sik maner as the Englische natioun payes the samyne, and that frielie but anie gratitud to be done be the said Maister Johne except such as sall be modefeit be the commissioners of the burgh of St Androes to be payit to him be the said Andro Forrett.

Statut, eggs,
missive.

34. The saids commissioners of burroues, being perfytlie informit of the transporting of eggs to England and uther forane pairts, and speciallie be sum in the cost syde, and finding it ane mater tending grittumlie to the discredeit of the contrey and universall hurt of the haill liedges, thairfor they have statute and ordeanit, lyk as they be thir presents statuts and ordeans, that na inhabitant of anye burgh sall transport or caus be transported anye eggs furth of this realme to anye forane pairt, under the paine of fourtie pundis to be payit be ilk contravinar of this present act, *toties quoties*, to the burrowes; and that the magistrats of ilk burgh have ane speciall regaird to sie this act observit within the bounds of thair liberties, under the pain of tuentie pundis ilk burgh, and report thair diligence in observatioun of the samyne ilk generall convention, under the pain of tuentie pundis ilk burgh.

Support, Iner-
kithing,
Anstruthers
Eister and
Wester, Had-
ingtoun, King-
horne, Pitin-
weyne, missive.

35. The commissioners ordained each burgh to send their commissioners to next general convention instructed to give answer to the supplications of Inerkithing craving £200, and of Anstruther Eister craving £400, for help to the reparation of their decayed harbours, and also ordained the burghs to send their shares of the sum claimed by Innerkithing. They farther directed each burgh to send their commissioners instructed to give answer to the supplications mentioned in the 43d act of last general convention, excepting to that of Inerkithing.]

Culrose, Kirk-
caldie unlayit,
charge agent,
missive.

36. The commissioners unlauid the burghs of Culrose and Kirkcaldie "for not subscriyving the buik;" but this act was afterwards "delett in respect of obedience."

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Marioribanks,
Geddes, Reid,
hering.

37. Anent the supplicatione given in be Joseph Marioribanks and Charles Geddes, merchands, for thame selves and in name of George Todrig, yonger, and James Arnote, merchands, burgessis of Edinburgh, declairing that they, having to thair gritt charges and expenses interprysit and begun the tred of making of reid hering within this kingdome, [that having obtained from the King the privilege of "making of reid hering

within all the seyes, loches, waters, sey touns, ports, schors and land thair of betuix Tuedmouth and Pientland Firth, for the space of tuentie ane yeirs," that Archibald Campbell brother to the laird of Lawers having purchased a similar gift they applied to the privy council "for staying of the said Archibalds grant," and that the privy council had delayed their decision and asked the opinion of the general convention "vpon the maist expedient and best meynes how the said work may be prosequantt." The commissioners having considered the supplication and ordinance of the privy council,] and having weyt and pondered the inconveniences that may insew to thair estaitt, they find the gifts grantit to the persones above writtin to be of the nature of ane monopollicie, and verie hurtfull and preiudiciall to the liberties and priviledges grantit to thame be his Maiestie and his Hienes most nobell predecessors, and to be ane most dangerous preparative gif it tak effect or be authorised be ane decreitt of the lords of counsell, and therfor hes desyrit the presenters of the said supplicatione, as members of that bodie and suorne to the weill of thair estaitt, to pas fra the said gift and all that hes followit thairvpon, whairunto they being present most willinglie agreitt, and be the tenor heirof renunes the said gift, haill tenor and effects thair of, in favors of the said burroues, to the effect that the inhabitants of the saids burghs may broik and ioy the benefeitt thair of, and all uther previledges contenit in thair particular infetments within all the bounds and liberties of the saids burroues in tyme cuming; whairfor the saids commissioners promitts to assist the supplicantis in getting the uther gift (purchest be the said Archibald Campbell) anullit be decreitt of the lords of counsell. And farder, vpon consideratione that the saids persons hes debursit the soun of tua thousand merks, Scots money, for inbringing of strangers within this realme to be imployit in the making of the said reid hering and for uther caussis tending to the advancement of the said tred, thairfor the said commissioners [give full power to the persons who obtained the gift to uplift of those inhabitants of the burghs, makers of red hering, ten shillings Scotts for each barrel, containing one thousand, made by them].

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Marioribank,
Geddes, reid
hering.

38. Compirit the deacons of crafts of the burgh of Perth, and in presence of the commissioners of burroues presentlie convinit they gave thair consent and approbatione to the tuentie sext act maid at the last generall conventione of burroues haldin at the burgh of St Androes, aunc

Ratificatione,
deacons of
Perth, unlay
remittit.

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Ratificatione,
deacons of
Perth, etc.

the electione of deacons, and band and oblisit thame and thair successors to conforme themselves to the said act in electione of thair deacons in all tyme cumming, under the pain of ane hundreth pundis to be payit be the transgressor to the burroues; in consideratione whair of the saids commissioners [remit to Perth the unlay contained in the 22d act of this convention].

Statute, lenth
of reill, missive.

39. The saids commissioners of burroues, understanding the hurts sustenit be the tredders with yairne thruch the insufficiencie of the reill, for remeid whair of they have statute and ordeanit, lyk as they be thir presents statuts and ordeans, that the lenth of the reill betuix heid and heid sall be halfe elve half quarter long, making the haill hesp to be fyve quarter long of doubell yairne, and whosoever sall doe in the contrair thair yairne sall be confiscat; and ordeans ilk burgh to [proclaim this act on a market day and report their diligence to the convention].

Cunninghame,
compts,
missive.

40. Thomas Cunninghame, factor in Campheir, "collector appointit for ingathering of the impost apointit for payment of the ministers stipend," appeared and produced his accounts from 3d March 1615 to 30 April 1616, the charge of which extended to £214, 10s 6d Fleames, and the discharge to £166, 6s 8d Fleames, leaving in the collector's hands a balance of £52, 7s 2d. Cunninghame was ordained to continue the collection and send in his accounts to next convention.

Edinburgh,
Aberdeen, St
Andrews,
Dysart, breid,
missive.

41. The saids commissioners of burroues ordeans the burghs of Edinburgh, Aberdeen, St Andrews, and Dysart to tak tryall anent the paese and sufficiencie of the breid, and to send with thair commissioners to the nixt generall conventione sik overtures as they sall think meitt for reforming of the samyne.

Dumfermling,
Culrose Corry-
burne, dili-
gence.

42. Anent the fiftie sevent act of the last generall conventioun, . . . compirit the commissioner of the burgh of Dumfermling and producit ane act of thair court whairin the saids persones had, for obedience of the charges given to thame, fund cautione to desist, quhilk the present commissioners accepts for diligence.

Alteratione,
taxt roll,
missive.

43. Ordeans ilk burgh to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed to give thair advyse and opinioun if that it sall be expedient for to altar the taxt roll or not.

Exemptions.

44. The saids commissioners of burroues grants and gives licence to the burghs underwritten to abyde and remain fra all generall conventions

for the space and maner following, videlicet, to the burghs of Abirbrothok and Forfare fra all generall conventiones on the south syde of Forth for thrie yeirs; Lainrik, Jedburgh, Kilrenie, Rutherglen and Ramfrou, for thrie yeirs; provyding allwayes [etc., as in other exemptions].

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Exemptions,
Lainrik, etc.

45. Anent the complaint of the burgh of Dumfreis contrair the burgh of Edinburgh for exacting of certane customes from thair neighbours, wranguslie, at thair ports, ordeans the burgh of Edinburgh to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed to ansuer thairto the nixt general conventione.

Dumfreis contra Edinburgh.

46. Ordeans thair agent to content and pay to the clerk of Perth the soum of tuentie punds for directing the missive.

Clerk of Perth, agent.

47. The commissioners unlawed the burgh of Lochmavin in £20, for being absent from this convention, and in other £20 for non-payment of "thair pairt of the agent at court his pensione."

Lochmavin unlayit, chaire agent.

48. Anent the 36th act of last general convention, requiring the sea-port burghs to produce their accounts of the impost for defraying expenses in "the mater of the custome and book of raitts," the commissioners finding the burghs of Perth, Northberwick, and Hadingtoun not to have satisfied their part of that act, unlawed each of them in £40. Each burgh was ordained to send to next general convention an account of the impost from 1 July 1616 to 1 July 1617, and the burgh of Edinburgh was instructed to produce an account of their intromissions from the beginning of the impost till this convention.

Edinburgh, commissione to Londone, missive.

49. Anent the mater of the restraint of wooll and making thair of in brod cloth, the saids commissione, after mature deliberatione takin anent the premissis, they apoints and ordeans the burghs of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Abirdein, Stirling, Linlithgoe, St Androes, Glasgow, Air, Hadingtoun, Muntrose, Dysert, Craill, Jedburgh, Dumbar, Dumfermling, Peblis, Dumfreis, Kirkcudbrieht, Dumbartane, to meitt and conveyin at the burgh of Edinburgh the tent day of this instant, and thair in thair names to treitt, ressone, vote, and conclude anent the said mater of restraint of wooll and making the samyne in brod cloth, and to give ansuer to the lords of his Hienes secreitt counsell thairanent . . . ; and also to treitt, ressone, and conclud with Sir William Seytoun anent the iorney masters and iorney horses, and concerning the overturs proponit or to be proponit be him in the said mater; as also to sett downe ane satled ordour anent the mesurs and sufficiencie of the barrells of hering

Commissione, woll, claith, iorney maisters, iadge of barrells, Londone, reid hering

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Commissione,
woll, etc.

and salmond, and if neid beis to propone to the saids lords of his Hienes secreitt counsell anent the alteratione of the iadge; and lykwayes to consult and deliberat vpon the articles producit be David Aikinheid, commissioner for the burgh of Edinburgh, and direct to the said burgh from the lords of his Hienes secreitt counsell concerning certain hurts sustenit be the natioun at the port of Londone and remeids thair of set down in the saids articles; as also to treit and conclude anent ane ordour to be sett down for the sufficient making of reid hering.

Findare, agent.

50. Ordeans thair agent to pay to Thomas Finder, post, his pensione of tuentie pundis.

Nixt conventione.

51. The commissioners appointed their next general convention to be held at Dumbartane, beginning on 1st July 1617.

Dischairge
M'Duff, minister
at Campheir.
Dischairge
Ewing.

The discharges by "Mr Alexander Makduff, minister of the Evangell of Jesue Chryst, at Campheir in Zeland, to the Scottis natioun," and by "Thomas Ewing, sone to Alexander Ewing, factor in Campheir," referred to in the 26th act of the foregoing convention, are inserted here.

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Edinburgh, David Aikinheid, George Foulls; Perth, Henrie Elder; Dundie, Maister Alexander Wadderburne; Aberdein, Thomas Minzeis; Stirling, Duncane Patersone; Linlithgoe, Androe Bell; Sanctandroe, Robert Tailyeour; Glasgoue, Johne Lawsone; Air, James Blair; Hadingtoun, Herie Cokburne; Montrose, Hercules Telyeor; Dysart, David Sympsone, yonger; Craill, Johne Mackiesone; Jedburgh, Maister Johne Rutherford; Dumbar, William Lawder; Dumfermling, Maister Thomas Wardlawe; Peblis, Archibald Frank; Dumfreis, Johne Corsane; Kirkcudbright, William Makccllane; Wigtoun, Johne Turner; Dumbartane, Johne Fallisdaill.

Moderator.

I. David Aikinheid, one of the commissioners for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

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2. For obedience of the 25th act of last general convention, the commissioners of Edinburgh, Dysart, and Kirkcaldie produced the persons therein named to be tried for transporting goods to other parts of Holland than the staple port. Alexander Law was unlawed in the sum of £20, and John Wre in £100 on certain conditions, Archibald and John Sympsones having declared "that they wer purposed onlie for the Isle of Zeland, and was driven thairby thruch tempest and storme of wether, and so wer forcitt to mak mercatt of the littill quantitie of the stapell goods that was in ther schip at the ports wher they arryved," found caution for payment of the double of the duty which should have been payable at the town of Campheir.

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Campheir,
staipill, Vr,
Edinburgh,
Dysart, Kirk-
caldy, chaarge
agent.

3. Finds good and expedient that ilk burgh send thair commissioner sufficientlie instructed for down setting of ane good ordour anent the sufficient making of reid hering.

Reid heyring,
missive.

4. Anent the articles given in be David Aikinheid, commissioner for the burgh of Edinburgh to the last generall conventione, and delyvered to the said burgh be the lords of his Maiesties secreitt counsell anent the divers discommodities arrysing to the merchands of the natioun who traffickes at Londone, with the remedies for preventing of the saids inconveniences, and referrit be the said generall conventione to the commissioners heir convenit, the saids commissioners of burroues having sein and red the saids articles they find good and expedient that the articles anent the transporting of prohibited goods from England to Scotland and transporting of ordnance vpon Scots bale, and anent the purchasing of ane warrand commanding no actione nor informatione to be putt in agains anye Scotsmens schip or goods be herd in the exchequer or elswher, or anye day apointit for ansuer befor whatsumever iudge untill such tyme as advertisement be given to thair agent depute for the effairs of the merchands and skippers and he lauffullie wairned thairto, be maist humble desyrit of his Maiestie, and finds that the samyne being purchesit will grittumlie tend to the weill [of the] natioun, and thairfor desyrs Mr Johne Broun to vse his diligence in obteneing of the said articles, and to report his diligence be his awin presence thairanent the nixt conventione, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive; as also to give ansuer to whatsumever compliments sall be given in agains him for his not discharge of his deutie in the said office.

Broun, agent,
Londoun,
effayres, mis-
sive.

5. Anent the mater of the journey master and journey horses, and

Jornay horssis,
missive.

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Jornay horssis,
missive.

the articles given in be Sir William Seytoun, the present commissioners of burroues finds expedient that ilk burgh send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed to the nixt generall conventione for setting down of ane ordor anent the said mater, and thairfor ordeans to be ane heid of the nixt missive, and in the meanetyme for furnising and serving of his Maiestie [quhen] it sall pleis God that he repair to this his kingdome and his haill lieges, the saids commissioners of burroues promits at thair home cumming to cause thair burroues tak ordore thairanent, and to adverteis the said Sir William be writt what nummer of horses everie burgh sall intertein for the said service, everie horse with fourtie pundis money, well furnisit with ryding graith, for auchtein pennies ilk mylle, betuix and the last of August nixt to cum.

12 July 1616.

Speir, Cam-
pheir, missive.

6. James Speir produced his accounts for the impost referred to in the 30th act of the general convention of 1615, granted for defraying the charges of the commissioners who passed to Campheir, from 25 June 1615 to 23 June 1616. The sums collected extended to £299, 10s. 6d. Flemish money, leaving due to Speir the sum of £273, 11s. 4d., for payment of which he was ordained to continue in uplifting the impost, and to account to next general convention.

Wigtoun,
missive.

7. Anent the supplicatione given in be the commissioner of Wigtoun, in name of his burgh, desyring help for prosecuting the actione betuix thame and Stranrawer, the saids commissioners of burroues promitts to acquaint thair burroues thairwith at thair hom cumming, and incaice the said burgh of Wigtoun sall prosecute the said actione to the finall decision thairof and obtain the samyne discussit in favors of thair said toun, ordeans to be ane heid of the nixt missive that ilk burgh send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed to contribute to the expenses debursit and to be debursitt be thame in prosecuting the said action.

Statute, bar-
rells of heyring
and beiff,
fische, missive.

8. The commissioners of burroues having tryed that the barrells of hering, whyte fisches, and beiff, ar for the maist pairt insufficient, and that the cause thairof is the heicht and gritnes of the bilge of the saids barrells, hes thairfor statute and ordeanit that the forme of the said barrells sall be altered universallie within all the burroues of this realme, and that the bilge of the said barrells sall be maid les and the heids thairof of ane

gritter wydnes proportionallie, the cheim beand schorter nor of befor, keipand allwayes the auld mesur of the said barrells without diminutione, and that the saids barrells be maid sufficient ticht and well seasoned tymmer, and markett vpon the bilge at the bong with the burning yrne and marke of the couper maker thairof, in all tyme cumming, and that sik barrells as sall be tryed insufficient sall be confiscat and the couper maker thairof sall be haldin to pay ane unlay of fyve pundis for ilk insufficient barrell to the reparatione of the commoun works of the burgh whair the samyne is maid ; lyk as the saids commissioners be thir presents gives power to the magistrats and dein of gild of Edinburgh to cause mak ane barrell of the forme above writtin and try and compair the samyne in the measure and quantitie with the auld barrell, and it being fund to contain a lyk quantitie of water with the auld to cause ane iadge be made and delyverit to ilk burgh, vpon thair awin expenses, when the samyne sall be requyred, and ordeans ilk burgh to cause all the saids barrells maid within the bounds of thair said liberties to be made conforme to the said iadge in all tyme cumming, ilk burgh under the pain of fourtie pundis ; and that the saids burroues report thair diligence heiranent the nixt conventione, and the forsaid commissioners requiests the magistrats of Edinburgh to informe the lords of his Maiesties privie counsell heirof and desyre thair lordschips to interpone thair authoritie thairto, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

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Statute,
barrells, etc.

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4 March 1617.

Edinburgh, James Nisbet, Edward Ker ; Perth, Andro Gray ; Dundie, William Auchinlek ; Abirdein, Thomas Minzies ; Air, James Blair ; Brichane, Johne Orie ; Montrose, William Ramsay ; Sanctandroes, Thomas Robertstone ; Bruntland, Patrik Greife ; Elgyne, James Rutherford ; Couper, David Andersone ; Hadingtoun, Herie Cockburne ; Stirling, Johne Williamsone ; Dumfreis, Frances Irrwine ; Glasgow, James Inglis ; Culrose, Sir George Bruce ; Irrwine, Hew Scott ; Linlithgoe, Andro Milve ; Dumbar, Maister Johne Achiesone.

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4 March 1617.
Moderatour.

1. James Nisbet, one of the commissioners for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

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Marioribanks,
Geddes, Dum-
bar, missive.

2. Anent the contraversies presentlie depending betuix the toun of Dumbar and the remanent burrowes, and in speciall for the impost of ten shillings of ilk barrell of rid hering to be maid at the said toun of Dumbar to be takin be Joseph Marioribanks and his pertinens of the makers of the said rid hering, and anent the impost of sex shillings aucht pennies to be taking of ilk last of hering conforme to the particular act of burrowes maid thairanent, and anent the greives sustenit be the said toun of Dumbar be sending of commissioners to thair said toun the tyme of the fisching, and anent all contraversies depending or that may depend betuix the burrowes and the said toun of Dumbar, Maister Johnne Achiesone and George Purves, commissioners for the burgh of Dumbar, and taking burdein vpon thame for thair said toun, ar content that all the saids contraversies sall desist and seis to the nixt generall conventione of burrowes; and the present commissioners of burrowes be thir presents promises that the letters and chairges raisit and execute be the said Joseph Marioribanks and his pertinens for payment of the said impost of ten shillings of ilk barrell hering, and anent the letters raisit for payment of the said impost of sex shillings aucht pennies, sall be suspendit and tak na executione to the nixt generall conventione of burrowes, at the quhilk tyme the present commissioners of burrowes promises to assist the said toun of Dumbar and thair commissioner for obtining ane ressonabell satisfactioun agriabell to reasone and justice to the supplicatione and greives to be given in be thame at the said conventione, and ordeans thair generall clerk to eik the premissis to the missive, to the end the haill burrowes may send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed to decyde in the saids contraversies and for giving ansuer to the said toun of Dumbar thair supplicatione.

Agent, Broun,
missive.

3. The present commissioners of burrowes ordeans thair agent in thair names be his missive to desyre Maister Johnne Broun, agent at Londone, to compeir befor the commissioners of burrowes in thair generall conventione of burrowes to be begun and haldin at the toun of Dum-

bartane, the first day of Julie nixt to cum, to ansuer to quhatsumever compliments sall be givin in agains him be the inhabitants of the frie burroues, with certificatione to him, and he compeir not, the saids commissioners of burroues will depose him of his said office conforme to the conditione continit in his act of admissione.

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Agent, Broun,
missive.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* DUMBARTON.

1 July 1617.

Edinburgh, Alexander Clerk, Edward Ker ; Perth, Andro Gray ; Dundie, Maister William Fergusone ; Abirdein, George Nicolsone ; Stirling, Johne Johnestoun ; Linlithgoe, Robert Ker ; Sanctandros, (*blank*) ; Glasgow, Mathow Trumbell ; Air, James Blair ; Dysart, David Simpsonsone, elder ; Hadingtoun, Patrik Broun ; Kirkcaldie, Alexander Law ; Montrose, (*blank*) ; Couper, David Andersone ; Anstruther Eister, Robert Alexander ; Dumfreis, (*blank*) ; Inernes, be exemptione and ratificatione producit be agent ; Bruntiland, (*blank*) ; Inerkithing, William Blaikburne ; Kinghorne, Maister Robert Cunninghame ; Brichane, (*blank*) ; Irrwine, Robert Broun ; Elgyne, be exemptione and ratificatione produced be Dundie ; Jedburgh, be exemptione and ratificatione produced be agent ; Kirkcudbright, William Makccllane ; Wigtoun, Johne Turner ; Pitinweyme, Thomas Dischingtoun ; Dunfermling, Peter Law ; Dumbartane, Thomas Fallisdail ; Ramfrow, William Sommervell ; Lainrik, be exemptione and ratificatione produced be agent ; Abirbrothok, be exemptione and ratificatione produced be agent ; Peblis, Johne Diksoun ; Craill, Alane Cunninghame ; Thayne, (*blank*) ; Selkirk, Maister Johne Ker ; Anstruther Wester, Johne Tulloes ; Culrose, Robert Forrett ; Dumbar, George Purves ; Bamff, (*blank*) ; Quhithorne, Johne Makgoun ; Forfare, be exemptione and ratificatione produced be agent ; Rothesay, Mathow Spence ; Forres, exemptione and ratificatione produced be agent ; Rutherglen, Andro Pinkartoun ; Northberwick, George Baillie ; Culane, (*blank*) ; Nairne, be exemptione and ratificatione produced be agent ; Lawder, be exemptione and ratificatione produced be agent ; Kilrenie, be

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exemptione and ratificatione produced be Anstruther Eister ; Annand, (*blank*) ; Lochmavin, (*blank*) ; Sanchair, (*blank*).

Citatione.

1. The commissioner of the burgh of Dumbartane verified the citation of the burghs to the convention.

2. The commissioners constituted John Sempell, first in commission for Dumbarton, moderator during this convention.

Hours of meeting.

3. Hours of meetings and regulations as to attendance and voting same as last year.

Outland burghessis, forstallers, etc., missive.

4. Act passed similar to the fourth act of last general convention.

Wigtoun, unlaye remittit.

5. Anent the fyft act of the last generall conventione, . . . com-pirit Johne Turner, commissioner for the said burgh of Wigtoun, and declarit that the said Gilbert Mure was departit this present lyfe, quhair-for the saids commissioners of burroues dischargit the said unlay and all unlayes preciding.

Peweder, missive.

6. Act passed in terms similar to the seventh act of last general convention.

Commissione, burghs of baronie, Edinburgh missive. Electione, magistrats, Perth, missive.

7. Act passed in terms similar to the eighth act of last general convention.

8. Anent the tent act of the last generall conventione, . . . finds the said burgh of Perth to have vsit na diligence in productione of the forme of thair said electione ; as lykwayes, understanding perfytlie be the declaratione of thair commissioner that my Lord Skune was continwed in his office of provestrie, contrair to the ordinance of the saids burroues, and thairfor decerns the said burgh in the said unlay of fyve hundreth pundis, and ordeans the said burgh to send the samyne with thair commissioner to the nixt generall conventione of burroues, togither with ane uther unlay of fyve hundreth pundis incurred of befor be thame for not electing of thair magistrats at Michelmes 1615, conforme to the saids acts, and alanerlie suspendit at the last generall conventione to this present conventione ; as lykwayes ordeans the said burgh in all tyme heirafter to conforme thaimselfes in thair said electione to the saids acts of parliament and burroues, under the paine of fyve hundreth pundis, and to bring [to next convention the form of election. The agent ordained to raise letters charging the burgh to conform to this act.]

Edinburgh, compts.

9. Anent the fourteint act of the last generall conventione, . . . com-pired Alexander Clerk, commissioner for the said burgh, and produced

their said commissioners compts, whairanent the saids commissioners of burroues finds the said act to be satisfait. DUMBARTON.
1 July 1617.

10. Anent the 34th act of the last general convention, . . . finds the haill burroues to have vsed sufficient diligence in observing of the saids acts, and ordeans the magistrats of ilk burgh to put the samyne to farder executione and sie the samyne inviolabellie observit be all thair inhabitantis in all tyme cumming. Act anent
transporters of
stapell guds
and egs.

11. [Anent the 2d act of the particular convention held at Edinburgh on 11th July 1616, John Ure not having appeared to the effect therein mentioned, the commissioners found him and his cautioners to have incurred the penalty of £100, which was mitigated to £20.] Ure unlayit,
chairge agent.

2 July 1617.

12. The saids commissioners of burroues, understanding the gritt hurt sustened be ane gritt nummer of the inhabitants of frie burroues, tredders with woll, be exacting of thame certane exorbitand customes for thair said wooll at the fairs of St Serve, St Laurence, and St Bartill fair, be the laird of Newton, Johne Leyth of Hairthill, and my Lord Forbes, and thair factors in thair names, far exciding his Majesteis customes, for remeid whairof they ordeane the agent in thair name to mein the said mater to the lords of his Majesteis secreit counsell, to the effect the saids persons may be hindered in anye tyme heirafter from exacting of anye such lyk extraordinarie custome, and what expenses sall be debursit be him in persute thairof the samyne sall be allowed to him in his compts; and ordeans the burgh of Edinburgh, and sik uther commissioners as sall happin to be present at the said burgh at the ingiving of the said complent, to assist and concure with the agent in the said persuit; and the agent to report his diligence heiranent the nixt generall conventione of burroues, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Customs at the
fairs of St Lau-
rence, St Serve,
and St Bartill,
agent, missive.

13. [The burgh of Irrwin ordained to insist against three unfree traders, indwellers in Kilmannok, and to have the suspension raised by them called and discussed.] Irrwine, unfrie
tredders,
missive.

14. Anent the [23] act of the last generall conventione of burroues haldin at the burgh of Perth, ordeaning ilk burgh to produce this con- Linthlithgoe,
electione,
magistrats,
missive.

DUMBARTON.
2 July 1617.

Linlithgoe,
electione, etc.

ventione the forme of the electione of thair magistrats at Michelmes last, and to have procidit thairin conforme to the acts of parliament and burroues, the saids commissioners of burroues finds the burgh of Linlithgoe not to have vsit diligence in productione of the forme of thair said electione at Michelmes last, as lykwayes, understanding that the said burgh hes not procidit in thair electione conforme to the acts of parliament and burroues in electing of Andro Milve, chirurgeon, to be thair provest, and thairfor decerns the said burgh in ane unlay of ane hundreth pundis, and for good causes moving thame continuis the vplifting thair of to the nixt generall conventione of burroues; and in the meintyme ordeans the said burgh to proceed in thair electione at Michelmes nixt to cum conforme to the saids acts of parliament and burroues, under the pain of v^e li., and to produce the forme of thair said electione to the nixt generall conventione, under the pain of tuentie pundis.

Electione,
magistrats,
certane bur-
roues, missive.

15. The saids commissioners of burroues, understanding the abuses committit within sundrie of the saids burroues in the electione of thair magistrats, counsell, and deacons of crafts, and that in thair said electione they doe not conforme them selves to the acts of parliament and burroues maid thairanent, thairfor the saids commissioners ordeans ilk burgh, and in speciall the burghs of Perth, Stirling, Linlithgoe, Sanctandroes, Kirkcudbright, Abirbrothok, Dumfermling, Selkirk, to produce to the nixt generall conventione of burroues the forme of thair electione of thair magistrats, counsell, and deacons of crafts at Michelmes nixt to cum, to the nixt generall conventione of burroues, under the pain of ane unlay of tuentie pundis ilk burgh, and that they proceed in thair said electione conforme to the acts of parliament and burroues maid anent electione of magistrats and deacons of crafts, under the pain of ane hundreth pundis ilk burgh.

Sanctandroes,
Selkirk, unlay-
ed missive.

16. [For not producing the form of the election of the magistrates, council, and deacons, as required by several acts of last general convention, the commissioners decerned the burghs of St Andrews and Selkirk each in an unlaw of £20.]

Peblis, com-
moun lands
missive.

17. [For obedience of the 24th act of last general convention John Diksoun, commissioner for the burgh of Peblis, produced a rental of the burgh whereby the commissioners, "understanding the commoun good not to be put to the hiest avail, in gritt prejudice of the said burgh," ordained the magistrates and council

of the burgh to cause the same to be roup'd, and to report their diligence and send a more perfect rental to next general convention.] DUMBARTON.
2 July 1617.

18. [The commissioners ordained each burgh to extract the 32d act of last general convention, and to cause the same to be proclaimed yearly among their statutes.] Acts anent
suspensions
and advoca-
tions missive.

19. Ordeans of new the burghs of Edinburgh, Stirling, Sanctandroes, and Dysart to tak tryell anent the pease and sufficiencie of the breid, and to send with thair commissioners to the nixt generall conventione of burroues sik overtures as they sall think meitt for reforming of the samyne. Commissione,
Edinburgh, St
Androes, Stir-
ling, Dysart,
anent the
breid, missive.

20. Anent the fourtie third act of the last generall conventione, . . . the saids commissioners of burroues, for divers considerations moving thame, continous the alteratione of the saids rolls for thrie yeirs nixt after the daitt heirof. Taxt roll con-
tinoued.

21. Anent the supplicatione be ane grit number of the inhabitants of the frie burroues desyring redres of the greifs sustened be thame in exacting of thame at Londone ane exorbitand impost be maister Johne Broun, agent, far exciding the duties granted to him in his gift of admisionne, and the said maister Johne being lauffullie wairnit be maister Robert Winrahame, agent, to have compired at this conventioun to have answered to the saids complaints, compirit Andro Gray, commissioner for the burgh of Perth, and produced his Majesteis missive letter direct to the present commissioners of burroues signifeing his Majesteis pleasure was that they sould not proceid to determine in ane thing agains the said maister Johne Broun till his return from his Majesteis service whairin he was imployit in the north seyes, and he lauffullie cited and ane day apointed for him to compeir and give ansuer to whatsumever complaints; and the saids burroues understanding thair saids nichtbours to be heavilie damnified be the said maister Johne, as lykwayes considering his Majesteis good and naturall inclinatione to sie iustice performed to all persones, and his subiects of his frie burroues relived of all iust greifs, thairfor the saids commissioners ordeans the burghs of Edinburgh, Dundie, Abirdeyne, Sanctandroes, Craill, Kirkcaldie, Dysart, Culrose, and Anstruther Eister, to direct commissioners to meitt and conveyn at the burgh of Sanctandroes, or whair it sall happin his Maiestie to be for the tym, the tent of this instant, and thair in name of the hail burroues and Commissione
anent Mr
Johne Broun,
missive.

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2 July 1617.

Commissione
anent Mr
Johne Broun,
missive.

inhabitants thair of to regrait to his Hienes the saids greifs and acquaint his Majestie with the said maister Johne his abuses in his said office, and to present all supplications neidfull, and most humblie to desyre that it wald pleis his Majestie that the said impost whairin he hes extorted thair saids nichtbours sould desist and ceis till the nixt generall conventione of burroues, or at least till such tyme as the said maister Johne his inorunities war sufficientlie tryed, and in the mein tyme that the said maister Johne sould be tryed and discharged or allowed as he sould be habell to abyd his tryell; and to that effect the saids commissioners of burroues grants and gives thair full power and commissione to the burghs of Edinburgh, Dundie, Abirdein, Sanctandroes, Stirling, Linlithgoe, Hadingtoun, Glasgow, Craill, and Culrose to meit and conveyin at the burgh of Edinburgh whansoever the said burgh sall think maist meitt and expedient, and to call and conveyin the said maister Johne befor thame to ansuer to whatsumever complaints sall be given in aganis him for his not dischairge of his dewtie in his said office, and to allow or dischairge him as he sall be fund gilty or innocent and as the necessitie of his place sall be fund be thame requisite, and to doe all and whatsumever the said generall conventione micht doe themselves, promisand to hald firme and stabell whatsoever they sall doe in the said mater, bot onye revocatione or contradictione.

Commissione,
Speir, compts,
missive.

22. [The commissioners, referring to the 6th act of the particular convention held at Edinburgh on 12th July last, gave full power to the burghs mentioned in the immediately preceding act to receive and dispose of the accounts of James Speir from 23 June 1616 to 1st July instant.]

3 July 1617.

Commissione
anent Culane,
commoun
landis, elec-
tione magis-
trats, missive.

23. Anent the supplicatione given in be the inhabitants of the burgh of Culane, craving the helpe and assistance of the commissioners of burroues for redres of certane inorunities, oversights, and corruptiones croppin in within the said toun, as thair supplicatione subscryvit with thair hands at mair lenth contains, the saids commissioners of burroues for remeid thair of apoints and ordeans the burghs of Abirdein, Montrose, Bamff, and Elgyne to direct commissioners of the most qualefeit persones of thair saids burghs to meit and conveyin at the said burgh of Culane the

third day of September nixt to cum, under pain of ane unlay of tuentie pundis to be incurrit be the absents, and thair to trye the saids inormities and disordour and the causes thair of and to report the samyne with thair best advyse for redres thair of to the nixt generall conventione of burrowes, to the effect the commissioners than convinand may tak sum deliberat ordor for suppressing and reforming of the saids inormities and disordour; as also ordeans the said burgh of Culane to produce to the said nixt generall conventione ane iust rentall of thair commoun good and commoun lands well imployit, to the effect the saids burrowes may try if the samyn be putt to the hiest avall and well bestowed conforme to the acts of burroues, and to send thairwith to the said nixt conventione the forme of thair electione of thair magistrats and counsell at Michelmes nixt to cum, and to proceed thairintill conforme to the acts of parliament and burroues under the pain of ane hundreth pundis; and the premissis to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

DUMBARTON.
3 July 1617.
Commissione
anent Culane.

24. [For obedience of the 23d act of last general convention, the commissioner of Dumfermling produced the form of election in that burgh which being seen the commissioners found that the burgh had not conformed to the acts of parliament and burghs in electing James Mochrie, webster, to be one of their bailies. The burgh was decerned in an unlaw of £100, the uplifting of which was continued till next convention, and ordained to produce the form of election conform to the acts.]

Dumfermling
unlayed, elec-
tione magis-
trats, missive.

25. [For obedience of the 6th act of last general convention the commissioner of Kirkcudbright produced a testimonial showing that there is yet three years to run of the tacks of the Borelands. As formerly the burgh was required to report diligence to next general convention.]

Kirkcud-
bright, com-
moun lands,
missive.

26. Anent the complent of the burgh of Wigtoun contrair the burgh of Kirkcudbright, for suffering and overseing Johne Murdoch and Andro Makdouell thair alledgit burgessis mak thair residence at the village of Monigof, the saids commissioners of burroues ordeans the said burgh of Kirkcudbright produce exact diligence in writt to the nixt generall conventione in causing the saids persones mak thair residence within thair said burgh, or in depriving thame of thair liberties, under the pain of ane hundreth pundis.

Kirkcud-
bright, out-
land burgessis,
missive.

27. Anent the 9th act of last general convention the commissioner for Kirkcudbright produced "letter simpliciter agains the Stewards of the Stewartrie of

Kirkcud-
bright, unfrie-
treders, mis-
sive.

DUMBARTON,
3 July 1617.

Kirkcudbright.

Kirkcudbright for taking and apprehending of the saids depryved burgessis, together with the letters of suspensione raisit at the instance of the said steuards and thair deputs." These the commissioners accepted for diligence and ordained the burgh to proceed farther and report to next general convention.

Edinburgh,
barrels of her-
ing, whyte
fische, beif,
missive.

28. Anent the aucht act of the particular conventione of burroues, haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh the tuelfe daye of Julie 1616, anent the reforming of the barrels of hering, whyte fisches, and beif, the saids commissioners of burroues ordeans the burgh of Edinburgh to caus thair dein of gild mak ane barrell of the forme prescryved in the said act, and try and compair the samyn in the measure with the auld barrell, and it being fund to contain a lyk quantitie of water with the auld to cause ane iadge be made thair of and delyverit to ilk burgh, vpon thair awin expenses, when the samyne sall be requyred; and ordeans ilk burgh to cause all the saids barreills maid within the bounds of thair liberties to be made conforme to the said iadge in all tyme cumming, ilk burgh under the pain of fourtie pundis, and to report thair diligence in reseaving of the said iadge and observing thair of to the nixt generall conventione, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. And farder the saids commissioners desyrs the burgh of Edinburgh to acquaint the lords of his Majesties privie counsell heirwith and desyre thair lordschippis interpone thair autoritie thairto, and to report thair diligence heiranent the nixt conventione.

Forret, compts,
missive.

29. Anent the 31st act of last general convention, Andrew Forret produced the accounts of his intromission with the impost granted to him for defraying of his expenses in purchasing a patent in favour of the merchants and traffickers to England and Ireland. The accounts being imperfect, and Forret not completely paid the sums granted to him, he was authorised to continue the impost, and required to account therefor to next general convention.

Commissione,
Cunninghame,
compts, mis-
sive.

30. The commissioners gave full power to the burghs appointed for hearing James Speirs' accounts, to receive and dispose of the accounts of Thomas Cunningham, factor in Campheir, for the impost granted for the minister's stipend there.

Complent,
Inglis, Purves,
contra Geddes,
Marioribanks,
reid hering,
missive.

31. On the supplications of Thomas Inglis, burgess of Edinburgh, and George Purves, commissioner for Dunbar, craving the discharge of the impost upon each barrel of red hering granted to Joseph Marioribanks and Charles Geddes and their partner, the commissioners ordained them to appear before next general convention to answer the reasons of the supplications, and in the meantime ordained the impost to cease till next general convention.

32. Anent his Majesties missive produced be the agent and direct to the present commissioners of burroues, willing and commanding thame that befor the dissolving of this present conventione they sould give order that the expenses of the commissioners nominat for planting the kirks of this kingdome, being aucht in nummer, for this estait may be tymuslie provydit, for obedience whairof the saids commissioners of burroues, ordeans the burghs of Edinburgh, Dundie, Abirdein, Stirling, Linlithgoe, Air, Craill, and Culrose (out of quhilks the saids commissioners ar nominat), with consent of thair present commissioners, ilk burgh to advance the soum of fyve hundreth pundis to thair commissioner for de-fraying of his expenses in attending vpon the said mater, extending in the hail to the soum of four thousand pundis. [For repayment with interest at ten per cent. the burghs were ordained to send their shares conform to the extent roll to next general convention.]

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Chairges bur-
roues for
planting the
kirks, missive.

4 July 1617.

33. Anent the 17th act of last general convention Thomas Speir, son and heir of William Speir, produced accounts of intromission for two years to 1st July 1617. The collection for the first year extended to 268 franks 3 s. 8 dinniers, and in the second year to 577 franks, 10 s., leaving unpaid of principal and interest the sum of 414 franks 3 s. 10 d. For payment the commissioners granted authority to Thomas Speir to continue uplifting the impost.

Speir, compts,
missive.

34. The commissioners consented to the admission of Hector Patersone, second son of William Patersone, merchant, burgess of Edinburgh, as factor for the nation at the town of Campheir.

Patersone,
factor.

35. On the supplication of the burgh of Wigtoun for help in prosecuting the action between them and Stranrawer, the burghs were required to send their commissioners to next general convention instructed with their answer.

Supplicatione,
Wigtoun, mis-
sive.

36. Anent the 35th act of last general convention the commissioners granted to the burgh of Anstruther Easter the sum of £400 for the reparation of their decayed harbour, "suspending allwayes the vplifting thair of for the space of thrie yeirs."

iiij^e li, to An-
struther Eister
suspending all-
way for 3
yeirs.

37. Anent the supplications of the burgh of Kinghorne for help to the reparatioun of thair decayed harberie of Pretticure, of the burgh of Hadingtoun for support to the reparatioun of thair decayed harberie of Aberladie, of Anstruther Wester for help to the re-edifying of thair decayed and ruinus calsayes and bulwarks, and of Pitinweyme for helpe to the reparatioun of thair decayed harberie, ordeans ilk burgh sufficientlie instructed to give ansuer to the saids supplications to the nixt generall conventioun of burroues.

Support, King-
horne, Had-
ingtoun, An-
struther
Wester, Pitin-
weyme, mis-
sive.

DUMBARTON.
4 July 1617.

Complent,
Kinghorne,
contrair Brun-
tiland, mis-
sive.

38. Anent the complent of the burgh of Kinghorne, contrair the burgh of Bruntiland for not suffering them to transport passingers in thair bots frielie as they doe in Leyth, ordeans the said burgh of Bruntiland to send thair commissioner sufficientlie instructed to give ansuer thairto to the nixt generall conventione.

Montrose, etc.,
missive.

39. The commissioners ordained the burghs of Montrose, Bruntiland, Brichane, Thayne, Bamff, Annand, Lochmavin and Sanquhair to send to next general convention their part of the sum granted by the 35th act of last general convention to the burgh of Inerkithing.

Unlayit Mon-
trose, etc.,
charge agent.

40. The commissioners unlaed the burghs of Montrose, Sanctandroe, Dumfreis, Bruntiland, Brichane, Elgyne, Thayne, Bamff, Annand, Lochmavin, and Sanquhair in twenty pounds each for being absent from this convention.

Montrose, etc.
unlayit,
chaarge agent.

41. The commissioners unlaed the burghs of Montrose, Bruntiland, Brichane, Thayne, Bamff, Culane, Lochmavin and Sanquhair in fourty pounds each for not paying their shares of the clerk's and agent's fees.

Inerkithing,
electione,
magistrats,
missive.

42. The burgh of Inerkithing ordained to produce to next general convention the form of election of their magistrats, and to proceed conform to the acts of parliament and burghs.

The act anent
bying of moe
nor fiftie thou-
sand hering
and going a
buid of boits
within the her-
berie dis-
pensed.

43. [The commissioners, having considered the fifth act of the particular convention held at Edinburgh 16th July 1611,] and finding the samyn to tend to the gritt hurt and preiudice of the fisching, thairfor they dischaarge the said toun of Dumbar from putting that part of the said act anent the bying of moe nor fiftie thousand hering in one day, as also that part of the samyne anent the suffering of anye persone to goe on buirds of anye bots within the said harberie, to executione in anye tyme heirafter, and ordeans the saids parts of the said act to be of no force nor effect in anye tyme cumming; and least that the contrey peopell could be heirby preiudgit, the saids commissioners ordeans the said burgh of Dumbar to cause the said contrey be served at all tymes, and that thair being no sufficient nummer of fisches in the hands of the fischers for serving of the contrey, and the samyne being in the hands of the merchands undrest or saltet, ordeans the said burgh of Dumbar to cause the said contrey be served of the saids fisches to the merchands vpon the sam pryces they coft the samyne, as also in serving of the contrey ordeans the said burgh of Dumbar to cause them be served as well of the inhabitants of the said toun as of the inhabitants of uther frie burroues; and as concerning that pairt of the said act ordeaning the said burgh of Dumbar

not to suffer anye persones to go on buird of anye bots without the said harberie the saids commissioners of burroues ratefeis and approves the samyne and ordeans the samyne to be putt to executione agains the contraviners with all rigour.

DUMBARTON.
4 July 1617.
Herring.

44. Anent the supplicatione given in be the commissioner of the burgh of Dumbar most earnestlie desyring that it wald pleis the saids commissioners to dispense with the sending of commissioners to thair toun anent the fisching, promising that they sould tak sik ordor within thair toun that nane sould have iust cause of complent, the saids commissioners vpon the conditione fairsaid dispenses with the sending of commissioners to the said toun for this tyme, and ordeans the said burgh to sie good ordor kiped at the said fisching, and to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventione.

Dumbare,
fisching, mis-
sive.

45. The commissioners ordained the agent to pay Thomas Findar, post, £20 for this, and £20 for last, year's pensions.

Findars pen-
sione, agent.

46. [On the supplication of the burgh of Aberdein the commissioners granted licence to that burgh] to impetrat of our Soverane Lord ane gift of the impost following, to indure for the space of nyntein yeirs after the expyryng of the said uther gift, granted in anno 1610, vpon the provitiones after specifeit, videlicet, of ilk tun guds lost in the said heavin to tak and have tua s. at the entrie and at the ledning and outgoing tua s., and of the vesschel tuelfe pennies of the tun at the entrie and tuelfe pennies at the outgoing, and this of all sort of guds except lyme, sklait, and frie stain; provyding allwayes that they bestow the said impost vpon the reparatione of thair harberie, and mak compt thair of to the burroues at the expyryng of the saids yeirs.

Abirdein, im-
post.

47. The commissioners granted to the burgh of Dysart to ask the gift of the impost of "tuelfe pennies of ilk tun of colls that sall happin to be transported furth of thair harberie to anye forain pairts, provyding allwayes they bestow the samyne vpon the reparatione of thair said harberie."

Dysart, impost.

48. The commissioners granted licence to the burgh of Rothesay to abide from all general conventions for the space of five years.

Exemptione,
Rothesay.

49. "The commissioners of burroues ordeans thair generall clerk in thair names to wryte to the magistrate of the toun of Campheir to have ane cair of the reparacione of the consergerie house, yaird thair of, and bigging of the dyks of the samyn."

Campheir, con-
sergerie-house.

DUMBARTON.
4 July 1617.
Clerk of Dum-
bartane, agent.

50. Ordeans thair agent to content and pay to the clerk of Dumbartane the soun of tuentie punds for directing the missive.

5 July 1617.

Commissione,
Edinburgh,
etc., anent the
societie to be
establisched in
the eist con-
treys, missive.

51. Anent the missive letter direct be the burgh of Edinburgh to the present commissioners of burroues, signifeing to thame the lords of his Majesteis privie councell thair desyre that they sould be acquainted with certane articles exhibite to thame anent ane societie to be establisched be the Scots merchands trafficquand in the eist contrey, to the effect the said burroues might report to the saids lords thair ansuer and opinione thairanent, the saids commissioners of burroues having sein and considered the saids articles, they find the samyne verie unnecessar, and that the samyne granted will rather tend to the preiudice of the saids trafficquers than to anye advantage, and thairfor ordeans the burghs of Edinburgh, Dundie, Abirdein, and Air to meit and conveyin at the said burgh of Edinburgh the aucht of this instant, and informe the saids lords of his Majesties councell in the said mater, to the effect the said forme of government prescryved in the saids articles may ceis and tak no farder effect, and the saids burroues ordeans the saids burroues to report thair diligence heiranent.

Edinburgh, im-
post dis-
charged.

52. Anent the 48th act of last general convention, the commissioners of Edinburgh produced the accounts of intromission with the impost granted for defraying the expenses of the commissioners who passed to England "anent the mater of the customes and buik of raits." The commissioners found the sun of £844 Scots to be resting unpaid of the sum of £342 19s. 6d sterling, and the commissioners of those burghs having seaports (excepting Montrose, Dumfreis, and Bruntiland, who were unlawed in £40 each for not payment), paid their shares of the balance due.

Forret, exac-
tione.

53. On the supplication of Andro Forret, burgess of St Andrews, the commissioners ordained the several burghs to cause their inhabitants to make payment to him of his charges in purchasing letters patents in favour of merchants and traffickers to England and France.

Dumbartane,
impost.

54. The commissioners granted licence to the burgh of Dumbarton to impetrate of the King the following impost, to begin at the expiry of the gift granted on 13 August 1607, and to indure for nineteen years

thereafter, for preservation of the town from the inundation of the water of Leven, viz] of ilk ox, kow, horse, stote, meir, staeg, that cumis within the libertie and friedome of the said burgh, or passis through the samyne, to whatsumever mercats, be the awners, cariers, and dryvers thair of, aucht pennies, exceptand onlie the burgessis of frie burroues; of ilk merchand cummand to the fairs of Lambes or Patrikmes within the said burgh that taks buithes within the samyn, tua s. sex d.; of ilk clothman, smiths, and uthers standing on the commoun calsayes of the said burgh with geir to sell, tuelfe pennies; of ilk crame standing on the calsay, sex pennies; of ilk bot that hes tymmer or bark passing thruch the river of Liven to onye mercats in the said burgh or elsquhair, at ilk tyme thrie s. four pennies; of ilk boll bark sauld in the mercat, sex pennies; of ilk schip, bark, and crear cumand frome anye forane pairts, or from the Hielands or Iles, within the river of Liven, at ilk tyme, the schip being above fiftie tune, the soum of threttein s. four pennies; the bark being above tuentie tun, sex s. aucht pennies; ilk crear being above fyve tun, thrie s. four pennies; and that to be payed be the masters or auners of the schips, crears, or vesschels, quhair of the guds to pay the tua pairt and the vesschell the third; ilk coper bote within Levin coping hering, anes in the yeir thrie s. four pennies; provyding allwayes that they bestoue the said impost vpon the beting and vphalding of the said work.

DUMBARTON.
5 July 1617.

Dumbartane,
impost.

55. The saids commissioners of burroues grants and gives thair Irwing, impost. licence to the burgh of Irwing to impetrat of our Soveran Lord ane gift of the impost follouing, to be takin onlie of unfriemen, and to indure for fyve yeirs, vpon the conditions after specifcit, viz. of ilk bot of timmer laidned or lossed within thair harberie, water mouth, or liberties of the said burgh, to tak and have the soum of thrie s. four pennies; of ilk dussone Irland buirds that sall happin to be sauld or lost thair, aucht pennies; of ilk thousand barrell staves, tua s.; of ilk hundreth kairtries, tuelfe pennies; ilk hundreth rungs, four pennies; ilk daiker hydes, tuelfe pennies; ilk last hering, thrie s. four pennies; ilk hors or meir landing ther, cumming from the Iles or Irland, tua s.; ilk scor scheip, iiij d.; ilk nolt, tua pennies; ilk scor plaiding brocht in be unfriemen, tuelfe pennies; and ilk dozane small skins, j d.; provyding allwayes the said burgh bestow the samyn vpon the reparatione of their harberie and calsayes, and to be comptabell thair of to the burroues ilk generall conventione.

DUMBARTON.
5 July 1617.

Supplicatione,
Dumbartane,
Glasgow, Ram-
frow, missive.

56. Anent the supplicatione given in be the burgh of Dumbartane, craving licence to impetrat of our Soverane Lord ane gift of ane impost to be takin of everie unfriemans fisching and coper bots yeirlie, fisching and coping, or that sall happin to fische or cope hering within and on this syde of the Cloch in Clyde and Lewes lyand within the Cloch, compired the commissioners of the burgh of Glasgow and Ranfrow and alledged that thair burghs and liberties thairof wald be interest thairby, and thairfor the saids commissioners of burroues ordeans the saids burghs of Glasgow and Ranfrow to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed to the nixt generall convention to ansuer in the said mater with thair richts and securities, as also ordeans ilk burgh to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed to decyde in the said mater.

Exemptions,
Qubithorne,
Anstruther
Wester.

Supplicatione,
Sempill, Fal-
lisdail.

Support,
North-ber-
wik, Culrose,
missive.

57. The commissioners granted licence to the burgh of Whithorn to remain from all general conventions for five years, and to Anstruther Wester to remain from all general conventions south of Forth and north of Tay for three years.

58. The commissioners ordained the burghs appointed to meet at Elinburgh on 8th instant to inspect the bond given by Johne Sempell and Thomas Fallisdail and their cautioners to the burghs anent the taxation granted to Dumbarton for saving them from the inundation of the water of Leven, and "if they sall find no difficulty" to give warrant for delivery to them of the bond.

59. Each burgh ordained to send their commissioners to next general convention instructed to give answer to the supplications of the burghs of Northberwik and Culrose for help to the repair of their decayed harbours.

Complent
Dumbartane,
contra Ram-
frow, missive.

60. The saids commissioners of burroues ordeans the burgh of Ramfrow to send their commissioners sufficientlie instructed to give ansuer to the complent of the burgh of Dumbartane to be given in agains theme the nixt generall conventione for suffering certane thair outland burgessis to tred and trafficque and to vsurp the liberties of the saids frie burroues, contrair to the acts of burroues.

Unlay, Sanct-
andros de-
mitted.

61. The commissioners, "at the earnest desire of my lord archbishop of Sanctandros," dispensed with the vnlaw incurred by that burgh for being absent from this convention and for not producing the form of election of magistrates, and "finds themselves satisfeit of all dewes, conforme to the missive be Andro Forret, burges of the said toun."

Nixt conven-
tion.

62. The commissioners dissolved the present general convention and appointed the next to be held at Dumfermling, beginning 7th July 1618.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* ST ANDREWS.

ST ANDREWS.
14 July 1617.

14 July 1617.

Edinburgh, Alexander Clerk, Edward Ker ; Dundie, Maister Alexander Wadderburne ; Aberdein, Sir Thomas Minzeis ; St Androes, Robert Tailyeor ; Anstruther Eister, Robert Merser.

1. In presens of the commissioners forsaid, compired maister Johne Broun, agent. Broun, agent, servitor to my lord duik of Lennox, and actit himselfe of his awin consent to compeir befor the commissioners of burroues nominat in the [21] act of the last generall conventione, haldin at the burgh of Dumbartane the [2] day of Julie instant, the first day of November nixt to cum, to ansuer to whatsumever complaints sall be given in again him at the instans of the merchands or skippers inhabitants of the burroues of this realme for not dischairging his dewtie in his said office, or for exacting anye gritter or uther dewties than was contined in his gift admissiōe, and to underlye sik tryell and punischment thairfor incaice he sall be fund giltye as the saids commissioners of burroues sall think most meitt and expedient, and generallie to doe and performe all and whatsumever the said Maister Johne sould have done or performed at the last generall conventione of burroues, and in caice of absence at the day forsaid is content and consents that the saids burroues proceed agains him as if he wer personallie present ; as also the said maister Johne is content and consents that the vplifting of the dewties granted to him for his said office sall ceis and desist till he report ane farder warrand of the saids commissioners of burroues for vplifting thairof.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

1 November 1617.

EDINBURGH.
1 November
1617.

Edinburgh, Alexander Persoun, George Foulles ; Dundie, Maister Alexander Wedderburne ; Abirdein, Sir Thomas Meinzieis ; Sanctandroes, Thomas Lentrōun ; Stirling, Johne Scherar ; Lynlythgow, Andro Bell ; Hadingtoun, Maister James Cokburne ; Glasgow, James Stewart ; Munros, Hendrie Mackean ; Craill, John Mathesone ; Culros, Sir George Bruce ; Anstruther Eister, Hendrie Moreis.

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Moderator.
Broun cited.

1. Alexander Persoun, first in commission for Edinburgh, appointed moderator.

2. [Compeared Mr James Broun, agent, for obedience of the act passed at St Andrews on 14 July last.] As also the said maister Johne, vnderstanding that be ane particular claus contenit in his gift of admissioun he was bund and obleist that quhatsumeuir richtis, securities, and warrandis he sould happin to purches and obtien of oure Soveryne Lord the Kings Majestie anent his said office or anent the impost grantit to him for his seruice thairin and for estaiblisching of the same, that he sould, be himself or his procuratouris in his name haiffing sufficient powar frome him, haif presentit the samin to the said last generall conventioun of borrowis and haif submittit and demittit the samin in thair handis to be continewit or disallowit as they sould think expedient, as his said gift of admissioun of the dait at Perth the (*blank*) day of Julij the yeir of God 1616 yeires at mair lenth proportis, comperit the said maister Johne and producit ane patent vnder his Majesties privie seill of England, ratiefieing and approving his said gift of admissioun and the dewties contenit therinto, as the saids letteres patents, of the dait at Westminster the 14 of November 1616 yeires at mair lenth beires, and renuncit the said gift with the saids letteres patents with all vtheris warrandis and securitie purchest in his favouris or aniewayes belonging to him of the said office, in the handis of the saids borrowis, and is content, agries, and consentis that he sall ather be continewit in the said office or dischairgit frome anie foirder vsing thairof, as the saids borrowis presentlie convenit sall think expedient, conforme to his said gift of admissioun of the dait foresaid; and the saids borrowis continewis the declairing of thair will heirintill till the heiring and discussing of the complaints gevin and to be gevin in against him for his not dischairge of his dewtie in the said office be the inhabitants of the saids frie borrowis.

Decreit contra Broun.

3. Comperit Andro Donaldsoun and Thomas Lindesay, merchandis, burgessis of the burgh of Edinburgh, Andro Mertoun and Thomas Lamb, burgessis of the burgh of Kirkcaldie, Hendrie Moreis, burges of the burgh of Anstruther Eister, for themeselffis and in name and behalf of the remanent merchandis and inhabitants of the saids burghis, tredderis and trafficqueris to London, and gaive in the complaint vnderwrittin against maister Johne Broun, agent constitut be the commissioners of borrowis

for the saids tredders and trafficqueris to the port of Londoun, beiring that quhair the commissioneris of borrowis in thair generall conventioun haldin at the burgh of Perth the fourt day of Julij the yeir of God 1616 yeires, maid, creat, and constitut the said maister Johne Broun thair agent at Londoun and vtheris portis in England, . . . notwithstanding they haiffing soght the said maister Johne for making of thair saids entressis and directing of theme in the seuerall custome houssis thair, the said maister Johne absentit himselff and hes, far contrare the tennour of his gift of admissioun foresaid, deput certane Inglisch men in the customehous for vplifting of his dewties, as also hes far passit the bounds and limittis of the dewties grantit to him for his seruice in the said office, in exacting fra theme gritter and vther dewties nor is contenit in his said gift of admissioun, and speciallie sax pennyes sterling for euerie tuentie pundis sterling worth of guides not enterit be tun or last at Londoun viz., fra the said Thomas Lindesay in November 1616 yeirs, as his ressait beires, for half ane tun of geir, tua schillingis sterling; fra Richard Romsoun, as his ressait beires, for ane quarter tun of geir, tua schillings sterling; [forty seven cases referred to;] and siclyik, the said maister Johne be himselff, or at leist be his factouris, hes taiken ane dewtie of all guides transportit be Scottis men frome England to vther forayne pairtis, contrar the tennour of his said gift, lykas the said maister Johne being convenit before the proueast, baillies, and counsall of the said burgh of Edinburgh, for the caussis foresaid, be certaine inhabitants of the said burgh, trafficqueris to Londoun, and comperand personalie in the terme quhairin he was warnit to haif ansuerit to the said complement, confest, in presens of the saids compleneris, that he had taken sax pennyes sterling of ilk tuentie pund sterling wairing of all goodes enterit in the custome hous at Londoun that is not enterit be tun or last, and als that he had taiken ane dewtie of all Scottis schippis arryvand thair with strangers guides from foraine pairtes, and that he had deput Inglischmen in the custome hous to vplift his dewties allanerlie, and that the merchands theme-selffis maid their entressis, or vtherwayes giff they cum to him he was redy to doe the samin, as ane act of counsall of the said burgh daittit the saxt of Junij at mair lenth beires; beseikand thairfore thair lordschippis that inrespect of the said maister Johne not gevin his attendance vpone the said plaice, and in respect of the maniefold abuse committit be the

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said maister Johne in exacting frome theme the dewtyes abonewritten for gritter and vther then is contenit in his gift of admissioun as said is, and that inrespect the said maister Johne, being creat for the weill of the merchands trafficquing thither, and for eschewing of the grit damages and hurtis sustenit be theme be the searcheouris, promoters, customeris, and vtheris thair, hes deput certan Inglish men in the custome hous at Londoun quha, but anie seruice done to theme bot sutch as is vsuall to thair plaices, does exact the soumes of money abone writtin, and sua they frustrat of the ordinarie course taiken be the commissioneris for thair advantage; and last, inrespect the said plaice is altogidder vnecessar, seing the formes of these pairtis is better knawin to the maist part of thair selffis then to the said maister Johne, and that they ar abill be thair selffis to mak thair awin entressis, vnfalling in anie dainger of the law for the samin, and inrespect thair language and thairs ar not so far different bot each ane vnderstandethe ane vther, swa that they neid no interpretour for theme or factour in these pairtis; and thairfore it wald pleis thair lordschip to haif consideratioun of the premissis, and to decerne the said maister Johne to haif forfeitit his said plaice, and farder to sensur him at thair lordschippis discretioun; and the said maister Johne comperand personalie desyrit ane copy of the said clame, quhairfore the saids commissioneris of borrowis ordanit thair clerk to geve him ane copey thairof and assigne to him the thrid of this instant to ansuer thairto. And heirto baith the saids parties wer warnit *apud acta*.

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[The commissioners having considered the complaint against John Broun, were of opinion that the arrangements with him were] nather necessar nor proffitable for thair estait, [thairfore the] commissioners of borrowis dischairgis the said maister Johne [Broun from] anie farder vsing of the said office in tyme cuming; as also [decernis] and ordanis the said maister Johne and all vthers in his [name to desist] and ceis frome all ressaiving and vptaking of the feyes [and deu]lties contenit in his said gift of admissioun sen the first of [] last and siclyk in all tyme cuming.

Supplicatioun,
Broun, mis-
sive.

4. Anent the supplicatioun gevin in [be maister Johne Broun] craiving anc consideratioun of the grit chairges [sustenit] be him in his seuerall

journeyis frome England to this [cuntrey] vtherwayis be obtening his Majesties patent of the said [office, the] saids commissioners of burrowis findis they haif [nocht commissioun] frome the generall conventioun of borrowis, nor frome thair [several] burghis, to geve ansuer to the said supplicatioun, and tha[irfor the] saids commissioneris of borrowis remittis the samin to be [considerit] be the commissioners of borrowis to be con-
venit in the [nixt general] conventioun.

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3 November
1617.

Supplicatione,
Broun.

5. The saids commissioners of borrowis [ordains] thair generall clerk in their name to wyrt ane ansuer to my lord [Duikis] graice his lettere direct to thame anent maister Johne Broun becaus of his deprivation.

Missive, dukis
grace, clerk.

5 November 1617.

6. Anent the mater of the schipping, the saids commissioners of borrowis ordanis the articles sett down be thame to be presentit to the counsall of Edinburgh to be considerit be thame, and quhat they sall find necessary to ad thairto, and thereafter to be presentit to the lordis of his Majesteis secreit counsall, and gif neid beis thair clerk to subscriye the samin.

Articles anent
the schipping.

7. Referring to the 22d act of last general convention, the commissioners found James Speir not to be completely satisfied of the sums due to him, continued the hearing of his accounts till next general convention, and in the meantime authorised him to continue in uplifting the impost.

Speir, compts,
missive.

8. The commissioners delayed till next general convention the hearing of the account of Thomas Cunninghame, factor of Campheir, of the impost granted for defraying of the stipends of the ministers and readers there, and in the meantime authorised the continuance of the uplifting of the impost.

Cunninghames
compts, mis-
sive.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* DUMFERMLING.

7 July 1618.

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Edinburgh, David Aikinheid, Andro Scott ; Perth, Hendrie Eldar ; Dundie, maister William Fergusson ; Abirdene, George Nicolsoun ; Stirling, John Scherare ; Lythgow, Andrew Bell, baillie ; Sanctau-

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droes, Thomas Lentrone; Glasgow, Mathow Turnebull; Air, John Osburne; Dysart, David Simpsoun; Hadingtoun, George Hepburne; Kirkcaldie, Thomas Lamb; Montrose, maister William Makene; Coupar, David Andersoun; Anstruther Eister, Robert Merser; Dumfreis, John Corsane; Innernes, William Rample; Bruntlyland, William Micklejohn; Innerkething, Harie Kinglas; Kinghorne, maister Robert Cuninghame; Brichane, John Leitch; Iruing, Hew Scott; Elgyne, maister John Hay; Jedburgh, be exemptioun and ratificatioun producit be agent; Kirkcudbrycht, William Makccllane; Wigtoun, William Makgie; Pittinwey, Walter Airth; Dumfermeling, master Thomas Wardlaw, Robert Aitkyne; Dumbartane, Thomas Fallisdail; Ranfrew, William Sommerwell; Lanerik, Gawin Blair; Abirbrothok, be exemptioun and ratificatioun producit be agent; Peibles, William Elliot; Craill, Thomas Cuninghame; Thayne, Robert Munro; Selkirk, James Kene; Anstruther Wester, John Tullois; Culros, Robert Forrett; Dumbarton, George Purves; Bamff, be exemptioun and ratificatioun producit be agent; Quithorne, be exemptioun and ratificatioun producit be agent; Wigtoun; Forfar, producit ane ratificatioun be agent; Rothesay (*blank*); Innernes, be exemptioun and ratificatioun producit be agent; Rutherglen, be exemptioun producit be agent; Northberwick, George Baillie; Culane, James Ogilvie; Nairne, be exemptioun producit be agent; Lauder, Mark Sandersoun; Kilrenie, be exemptioun and ratificatioun be Anstruther Eister; Annand (*blank*); Lochmaben (*blank*); Sanchair, John Carmichael.

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| Citatioun. | 1. The commissioner of Dumfermeling verified the citation of the burghs. |
| Moderator. | 2. Thomas Wardlaw, first in commission for Dumfermling, constituted moderator. |
| Hours of meeting. | 3. Act past in terms similar to the third act of last general convention. |
| Outland burghs unfriemen, etc., pender, missive, Suspensiounes, advocatiounes, missive. | 4. Act passed in terms similar to the 4th and 6th acts of last general convention. |
| | 5. Ordaines ilk burgh to produce exact diligence in writt in publishing and intimating to thair inhabitants the actes of burrowis maid anent purchersers of suspensiounes and advocatiounes sinisterlie, and in putting of the same to further executioun, vnder the payne of ane vnlaw of twentie pounds. |
| Electione, magistrates, Innerkething, Kirkcudbrycht, missive. | 6. Comperit the commissioners of the burgh of Innerkething and |

Kirkcudbright, and for obedience of thair pairt of the fyftein act of the last generall conventioun, ... producit the forme of thair said electioun subscriuit be thair clarkis, quhilkis beand hard sein and considerit be the saids commissioners of borrowis, they find the saids burghs not to haif proceedit formallie in thair saids electioun, and thairfore to haif incurrit the penaltie contenit in the said act, notwithstanding quhair of the saids commissioners of borrowis, in hoip of better ordour to be keipit in tyme cuming be theme, and for divers uthers caussis mooving them, dispensis therwith for this present, and ordanis the saids burghs to produce to the nixt generall conventioun ane more formall extract of the electioun of thair magistrattes, counsell, and deacones of craftis at Michaelmes nixtocum, vnder the payne of fourtie pundis ilk burgh, and to proceed therintill conforme to the actes of parliament and borrowis, vnder the payne of ane hundreth pundis ilk burgh.

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Electioun, magistrates.

7. Anent the fyftein act of the last generall conventioun, . . . finds the saids burghs of Sanctandros, Abirbroth, Selkirk, and Stirling nocht to haif satisfiet thair pairt of the said act, and thairfore decernis theme [in an unlaw of £20 each, and ordanis them to conform to the acts and produce the form of election at the next general convention].

Electioun, magistratts, etc., Sanctandros, Abirbroth, Selkirk, Stirling, charge agent, missive.

8. Anent the 17th act of last general convention, the burgh of Peibles having been found "nocht to haif vsit thair diligence thairin," were unlawed in £100, and the former act was renewed.

Peibles, common lands, charge agent, missive.

9. Ordanis of new the burghis of Edinburgh, Stirling, Sanctandros, and Dysart "to take trial and report to next convention anent the paice and sufficiencie of breid."

Paice, bread, missive.

10. Ordanis the agent, as of before, in thair names, to meyne to the lords of His Majesties secreit counsell the grit preiudice and hurt sustenit be ane grit number of the inhabitants of frie burrowis, tredders with wooll, be exacting from theme certane exhorbitant customes for thair said wooll at the faires of St Serff, St Laurence, and St Bartles fair, be the laird of Newtown, Johne Leith, in Hairthill, and my lord Forbeis, and thair factors in thair names, far exceeding His Majesties customes, and quhat expenses salbe debursit be him thervpone salbe allowit to him in his comptes, and ordanis the burghis of Edinburgh, Dundie, and Abirdein to concure with him in persute thairof, and the agent to report his diligence thairanent.

Customes at the faires of St Laurence, St Serff, and St Bartle, agent, missive.

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Statut, com-
missioneris,
missive.

11. The saids commissioners of burrowis, finding ane grit manie of the borrowis to send thair commissioners to the conventioun of burrowis yeirlie altogidder vnexpert in their tounes effaires, nor yit knowing quhat is to be done in the said conventiounes, notwithstanding of the missive direct vnto them, nor haiffing anie particular informatioun fra thair burgh in the heids thair of, quhairby manie thinges ar vndeliberatlie and vnadvysedlie done be thame, quhilk fallis furth throw the negligence of the magistrattis of the saids burghis in not meiting and consulting anent the heids of the said missive and in not gevin particular informatioun and instructioun to their commissioners anent the maters contenit in the said missive ; for remeid quhair of it is statut and ordanit that ilk burgh in all tyme cuming sall, within ane competent spaice efter the ressaift of the said missive, convene in thair counsall and elect and chese the most qualifiet persone within thair burgh, according to the actes of burrowis maid anent commissioneris, and caus reid and consider the said missive, and sall give thair best advyse, instructioun, and particular informatioun to thair said commissioner in euerie heid thair of for decyding of the same, and sic borrowis as salbe fund negligent heirin the saids commissioners ordanis theme to incur ane vnlaw of tuentie pundis *toties quoties* ; and for better observing heirof they ordane ilk commissioner present to intimat this present ordinance to thair burrowis at thair homecuming, and ilk burgh to report thair diligence in writt in observing heirof, vnder the payne of tuentie pundis, and this to be ane heid of ilk missive in all tyme cuming.

Statut, outland
burgessis, mis-
sive.

12. The saids commissioners of borrowis recensing the hurt sustenit be theme be negligence of certane borrowis quha sufferis sic of thair burgessis as ar not daylie residents amongs theme to tred and trafficque contrare to the actes of burrowis maid of before, for remeid thair of, and speciallie ane act of burrowis made at the burgh of Dysart, the 15 of Jun anno 1593 . . . quhilk beand hard sene and considerit be the saids commissioneris they of new ratifie and approve that pairt of the said act anent the ressaiving of burgessis quha ar actuall residents within the burgh, and that part ordaining the burgh quhair anie ar admitted that ar not residents, to convene sic persones before theme and depryve

theme of thair liberties, or caus theme mak thair residence within thair burgh, vnder the payne foresaid ; and ordanis ilk commissioner present to intimat this present act to thair borrowis at thair home cuming, and ilk burgh to report thair diligence in writt in observing heirof to the nixt conventioun, and that vnder the payne of tuentie punds, and this to be ane heid of ilk missive.

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Outland bur-
gessis.

13. For not complying with the 14th act of last general convention, the burgh of Lythgow was unlawed in £500 and ordained, as formerly, to observe the acts of parliament and burghs in electing their magistrates.

Lythgow, elec-
tioun, magis-
trattis, mis-
sive.

14. Act similar to the foregoing passed with regard to Perth for not complying with the eighth act of last general convention.

Perth, elec-
tioun, magis-
trattes, missive.

15. Act passed in terms similar to the 28th act of last general convention, excepting that the part referring to the privy council is omitted.

Edinburgh,
judge, barr-
ellis missive.

16. Anent the fourtie four act of the last generall conventioun, . . . recommends that mater to thair [the burgh of Dunbar's] cair and diligence, and ordanis the magistrattes of the said burgh to attend diligentlie vpon the said fisching and caus guid ordour be obseruit therat [and to report to next conventioun].

Dumbar,
fisching,
missive.

17. Ordanis the burghis that salbe appointit to meit at Edinburgh anent the mater of the schipping to visite the band gevin in be Johne Sempill and Thomas Fallisdaill and thair cautioneris anent thair ressaith and employment of the taxatioun grantit to the burgh of Dumbartane for saiving therof fra the violence and invndatioun of the water of Levin, and gif they sall find no difficultie in restoring to theme of thair said band, in respect thair comptes ar alreedy fittit, to geve warrand to thair generall clerk for delyverance to the saids persounes of thair said band.

Commissio,
borrowis,
Sempill,
Fallisdaill,
missive.

18. Ordanis the burgh of Renfrew, with consent of thair present commissioner to caus James and Robert Carbraithes, [and eight others,] thair allegit burgessis, buith keiparis, and trafficquers in Kilmacolme, Grinock, and vtheris vnfrie plaices, mak thair residence within thair said burgh, and sic of theme as ar not thair burgessis and treds within the liberties of thair saids burghs to rais letteres and chairges in causing of theme to find cautioun to desist frome vsurping the liberties of the frie borrowis, and ordanis the agent to concur and assit with theme.

Renfrew, vn-
frie tredders,
missive.

19. Anent the 56th act of the last general convention, [the commis- sioners ordained the burghs of Glasgow and Renfrew] to send their com-

Supplicatioun,
Dumbarton,
Glasgow, Ren-
frew, missive.

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missioners sufficientlie instructit to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis with thair richtis and securities, with certificatioun to theme the borrowis will proceid and minister iustice as accords of the law; and ilk burgh to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructit to decyid thairin.

Irwyng, vnfre tredders, missive.

20. The commissioners, "as of before," ordained the burgh of Irwyng to insist in their proceedings against three unfree traders indwellers in Kilmannock.

Report, Aikineid, ratificatio, Broun depryuit.

21. Referring to the 21st act of last general convention, the commissioners ratified and approved of the act of deprivation of Johne Broun passed by the commissioners who met at Edinburgh in November 1617.

Kirkcudbrycht, common lands missive.

22. In terms of the 25th act of last general convention, the commissioner of Kirkcudbright produced a testimonial shewing that there is yet two years to run of the tacks of the Borelands. As formerly the burgh was required to report diligence to next general convention.

Kirkcudbrycht, vnfre tredders, missive.

23. For obedience of the 26 act of last generall conventioun, [the commissioner of Kirkcudbright produced a decree of court depriving two indwellers of Moniegoff of the liberties of the burgh for not making residence, which was accepted] for diligence at this tyme, and ordanis the said burgh to vse forder diligence against the saids persounes in causing theme find cautious to desist frome vsurping the liberties of the frie borrowis, and the agent to concur and assist with theme, and the said burgh to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt conventioun vnder the payne of tuentie pundis; as also ordanes the said burgh to vse lyk diligence against certane vtheris thair depryvit burgessis, and to produce the samin to the nixt conventioun vnder the payne foresaid, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiwe.

Supplicatioun, Broun, re-fuisit.

24. Anent the 4th act of the particular convention held at Edinburgh in November last, the commissioners refused the supplication of Mr Johne Broun craving consideration for certain charges disbursed by him.

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Speir, impost, France, compts.

25. Anent the 37th act of last general convention, Thomas Speir produced his accounts from which it appeared that from 1 July 1617 to 1 July 1618 there was collected the sum of 330 franks 5 sous 6 dynneirs, which being deducted from 414 franks 6 dynneirs, resting owing last year, left due to Speir 83

franks 18 sous 4 denneires, with 8 franks for interest, extending in all in Scottis money, allowing £1 6s. 8d. for the frank, to £122 13s. 4d. with £80 for ingathering the impost, amounting together to £202 13s. 4d. By act 26 of this convention the commissioners provided for payment of this sum, and on the other hand Thomas Speir discharged the burghs of all claims he had against them.

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26. Anent the 7th act of the particular convention held at Edinburgh on 5th November last, James Speir produced two years accounts to 1st instant of his collection of the impost therein referred to. The sums collected amounted to £330 4s. 10d. Flemish money, the burghs owed Speir £273 11s. 4d., and this being paid there was left due by him to the burghs the sum of £56 13s. 6d., out of which he was ordained to make payment to Thomas Speir of the sum of £202 13s. 4d. Scots mentioned in the immediately preceding act, and to retain the balance. "And for farder recompence of this last yeires annual rent of the soumes of money restan awand vnpayit to him before the first of Julii 1617, and in consideratione of his lossis and grit travayles that he hes had in ingathering of the said impost, and in recompence and compleit payment of all soumes of money that the said James can ask or craive of the saids commissioners of borrowis or thair successouris, for quhatsumevir soumes debursit be him for the caussis foresaid, the saids commissioners of borrowis ordanis the said James to continew in vplifting of the said impost to the first of August nixt." In consideration of these stipulations Speir discharged the burghs of all sums due by them to him.

James Speirs,
comptes,
impost,
Flanderis.

27. [Anent the 29th act of last general convention ordaining Andro Forret, burgess of St Andrews, to produce the accounts of his intromission with the impost granted to him for defraying his charges in obtaining and publishing His Majesties letters patents in favor of merchants traffickers in England and Ireland, the commissioner of St Andrews produced a letter from him desiring the commissioners to "excuse his absence for this tyme, inrespect of his absence in Yreland quhairin he was imployet in publicatioun of the saids letteres." The commissioners appointed the burghs of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Kirkcaldie, Dysart, Bruntlyland, Culros, Lythgow, Stirling, Anstruther Eister, and Sanctandros to meet at Edinburgh on 1st November, with full power to examine Forrets accounts, "to trye his diligence anent the publisching of the saids patents," and to dispose of a complaint against him by the inhabitants of Kirkcaldie. Instructions were also appointed to be given to Mr Patrik Hammiltoun, agent, to cause publication of the letters be made at all requisite parts.]

Forret,
comptes,
missive.

28. Anent the complaint of the burgh of Kinghorne contrare the burgh of Bruntlyland, for not suffering of thair nichtboures to transport

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passingers furth of thair burgh as frielie as they doe in Leith, ordanis the said burgh of Bruntlyland to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructit with thair rychtis and securities to ansuer in the said maiter to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, with certificatioun giff they failyie the saids borrowis will proceed and minister iustice in the said mater according to equitie.

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tioun, magis-
trats, statut,
outland bur-
gessis, rentall,
commoun
guid.

29. Auent the 23d act of the last generall conventioun of borrowis . . . comperit George Nicolsoun, commissioner for the burgh of Abirdein, and for himselff, and in name of the burghs of Elgyne and Bamff, declairit that, for obedience of the said act and according to the commissioun contenit thairin, the saids borrowis had directit thair commissioners to the said toun to the effect foresaid, and haiffing mett and convenit at the said burgh vpone the 29 day of Apryle last and conferrit with the baillies and counsall of the said burgh in the said mater sua far as they could vnderstand, efter long conference with the saids baillies and counsall theranent, they fand the decay of the said burgh to arryse vpone the particular disorders following:—*First*,—That the magistrattis, counsell, and sutch as buir office in the said toun, war not chosen of actuall residentaris within the said toun, bot of sutch as duelt outwith the burgh, and quha could not nor did not conveyne this longe tyme bypast for handling of the effaires of the said burgh, nor for administratioun of iustice amangs the inhabitants thairof. *Item*, That thair haill commoun lands wes gevin out to sick as wer not actuall induellers within thair said burgh and nane or littill dewtie payit thairfor nor enteressis thairfore taiken vp, far contrare to the conditioun of the infetment of the said burgh, and that thair mairches and limittis ar at na tyme perambulat, bot vsurpit be sindrie of thair nichtboures without anie gaynestanding. *Item*, That thair is na innes nor houssis for ressett of straingers, nor ane wairdhous for keiping and punisching of malefactouris. Quhilk beand hard and considerit be the saids commissioners of borrowis they accept for diligence on the part of the saids burghis of Abirdein, Bamff and Elgyne. And forsieing the imminent dainger of the ruine and decay of the said burgh, and for preventing of the samin in tymes cuming, hes, for remeid thairof, ordanit that the said burgh sall

in all tyme cuming, and speciallie at the feist of Michaelmes nixtocum, elect and cheise their magistrats, counsell and officeris, of sic persounes as ar actuall residents within their said burgh, beiring portabill chairges within the samin, and proceid in their said electioun according to the actes of parliament and borrowis and that thai call and conveyne before theme, betuix and the nixt generall conventioun, sic of their burgessis as remaynes outwith their said burgh and caus theme ather mak their residence within their said burgh or depryve theme of the liberties thair of and of all benefeit they enjoy be the said fredome; as also to caus roup their commoun guid and commoun lands and putt the samin to the hiest avail, conforme to the actes of parliament and borrowis, and sall nather sell, dispone, or sett in few or in tak anie of the saids lands before the nixt conventioun, and present to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis ane perfyte rental of the samin, weill employet, vnder the payne of ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis to be payit to the borrowis; and for better decorement of their burgh ordanis the said burgh to big ane tolbuith and wairdhus for keiping and punishing of malefactouris; and to haif sufficient innys for ressett of the Kings lieges, according to thair habilitie. And ordanis the said burgh to report thair diligence in observing and fulfilling the haill premissis vnder the payne of ane hundreth pundis as penultie liquidat for ilk failyie, with consent of thair present commissioner; and in houp of amendement, and vpone requeist of thair minister, they continew the vplifting of the vnlaw of ane hundreth punds incurrit be theme for not electing of thair magistrats and counsell at Michaelmes last conforme to the actes of parliament and borrowis to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis. And this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

30. Anent the 24 act of the last generall conventioun, . . . comperit Robert Aitkyn, commissioner for the said burgh of Dumfermeling, and for obedience of the said act producit the forme of thair electioun at the feist of Michaelmes last, quhilk beand sene and considderit be the saids commissioneris of borrowis they find the said burgh to haif transgressit the forme prescryuit in the actes of parliament and borrowis maid anent the electioun of magistrattis within burgh, in electing of ane of thair baillies and vther thair officers of craftismen expres contrare the saids

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actes, and thairfore decernis theme in the said vnlaw of fyve hundreth pundis, as also in ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis incurrit be theme of before for the lyk caus at Michaelmes 1616, and ordanis the said burgh to conforme thair electioun in all tyme thereafter and in speciall at Michaelmes nixtocum to the saids actes of parliament and borrowis vnder the payne of fyve hundreth pundis, and to produce the forme thair of to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Quhilk sentence and decreit abone written being intimat to the inhabitants of the said burgh be thair said commissioner, comperit personalie, in presens of the saids commissioners, Peter Law, dene of gild of the said burgh, James Reid, [and nine others,] merchands and gildbrether of the said burgh, for themselfes and in name and behalf of the remanent merchands and gildbrether of the samin, and takand the burdein on theme for the haill estaitt of the merchand gildbrether of the said burgh; as lykways, comperit Patrik Turnebull, baxter, present baillie, Andro Bennett, [and seven others,] craftismen, for theme selffis and in name and behalf of the remanent deacones, craftismen, and burgessis of the said burgh, and takand the burdein vpon theme for the haill bodie of the craftis within the said burgh, and acknowledgit that they had violatit and transgressit the saids actes of parliament and borrowis in thair said electioun and all vtheris electiounes preceeding, and had not conformit themeselffis thairto, and thairfore baith the saids pairties wer content to be reformat and to observe quhatsumeuir forme of electioun it sould pleis the present commissioners of burrowis to prescrive in all tyme cuming, and of thair awin frie willis referrit, *simpliciter*, the forme and maner of the electioun of the magistraits and counsell to the saids commissioneris; . . . as lykwayes, hes submittit all questiounes and contraversies presentlie depending betuixt thame anent the said electioun and thair libertie of the burgh, and faithfullie promisit be thair grit aithes to abyde and vnderlye quhatsumeuir the saids borrowis sould determyne thairanent and sould observe the samin inviolablie, but anie gaynecalling, and without anie grudge on ather syid, and thairfor desyrit the saids vnlawis to be remittit. The saids commissioneris of borrowis, haiffing hard, sein, and considerit the richtes, ressounes, and allegatiounes of baith the saids pairties, and lykways, considdering and pondering the present estait of the said burgh, and that thair hes divers seditiounes,

tumults, and vproares fallen furth of before betuixt baith the saids pairties vpone the electioun of thair saids magistrattis, and that the said questioun hes intertynneit grit haittred and seditioun amongs theme, quherby thair said burgh hes not bene weill governit in tymes bypast, contrare to all guid ordour, and to the euill exemple of vtheris; and the saidis commissioneris of burrowis vpone the cair and speciall regaird that thai haif that all confusioun within the said burgh, haittred and euill ordour amongs thair inhabitants sould be taiken away and extinguished, and that guid ordour and policie sould be mantenit within the samin, and that the inhabitants thairof sould leive in mutuall peace and concord each one with ane vther in all tymes heireftir, hes decernit, delyverit, statut and ordanit, lyk as they be the tennor heiroyf decernis, delyveris, statuttis and ordanis that the forme of the electioun of thair magistrattis and counsell salbe in all tyme cuming in maner following, viz., that thair hail magistrattis and counsell sould consist of the number of sextein persounes quhairof nyne merchands and sevin craftismen, off the quhilk number of nyne merchands thair salbe chosen the proueist for the yeir to cum, tua baillies, dene of gild, and thesaurer, and ordanis the present counsell to elect and cheise the saidis persounes, and in all tymes thereftir the ald counsell to cheise the new, and thereafter the ald counsell and the new, consisting ilk ane of theme of the number of personnes abouevrittin to conveine yeirlie at thair ordinarie tyme of electioun and cheise and elect the saids magistrattis, baillies, and vther officeres of burgh, quha sall beir reull for the yeir to cum; and anent the questionnes concerning the liberties of baith the saids pairties, ordanis the dene of gild of this burgh in all tymes cuming to admitt and ressaive the present craftismen of this burgh and thair aires and bairns into thair fraternitie of gildrie gratis, without paying of anie dewtie thairfore, they being qualifiet and knowin to be worth the soum of thrie hundreth merkis money at leist and leiving of and over gevin thair craft, quhairvnto it sall not be lesum to thame to returne, thai being anes ressaut and admittit into the number of the said gild brether, except thai renunce thair said fredome or gildrie; as lykwayes it is declairit and ordanit that it is sall nocht be lesum to the saids gild brether to vse and exerce anie craft, except he first renunce his friedome of gildrie and be ressaut and admitted friemen amongs the saids craftis; as also it is ordainit and declairit that it salbe

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lesum to the saids craftismen, being only burgessis of the said burgh and not of the number of the gildrie, to tred and trafficque with all Scottis cuntrey, butter, cheis, and all vther waires of the lyik nature, not being staiple guidis, and to top and sell the samin at thair plesoure, and to hald buithes to that effect as they sall think expedient, provyding alwayes they doe not tred with forayne merchandises, nor transport the saids Scottis waires out of the cuntrey, and dischairges the magistrattis and deine of gild and all vtheris officeris of the said burgh frome stopping or impeding theme frome tredding and trafficking in maner foresaid; and farder declares that the dene of gild and thesaurer salbe haldin to mak yeirlye compt of thair resettis dew to be ressaut be ather of theme, and for heiring and futting of thair comptis ordains the said counsell to elect and cheis four of the most qualifiet of the saids merchands and four of the craftismen, with the magistrattis, to be auditours of the samin, and lyk-wayis ordanis that in caice it sall happin anie barks or ships laidnit with timber pertaining to strangeris to arryve at the Lymekill that it sall be als lesum to the craftismen of the said burgh to buye the samin to his awin privie vse, not to be toppit agayne be him as to anie merchand or gild brether of the samin, and in caice ayther of theme salhappin to blok with the said stranger and buye the samin in haill frome the said strainger efter his arryvayle at the said plaice, in that caice it is ordanit that the magistrattis sall, according to the necessitie of euerie persoun, distribut the samin amongs theme of the same pryce thai wer coft on, and to euerie craftis man awin priuat vse allanerlie; and farder it is ordaint that it salbe lesum to the saids craftismen to buye all sorts of waires in anie plaice within the kingdome of quhatsumevir nature belonging alwayes to thair craft to be wrocht be thame and sauld furth agayne in maid work and vtherwayes; and als the said commissioneris declares sic craftismen as hes or sall renunce and overgive thair craft and is or salbe ressaut in the fraternitie of gildrie salbe capabill of the office of bailliarrie within the said burgh or anie vther office within the samin; and, last, decernis and ordanis the saids gild brether and deacones of craftis and thair successouris to leive and continew in anefald freindship, guid nichtburheid and societie in all tymes cuming as members of one body imploying thair haill wittis to the guid gouvernement of thair burgh and reuling of

thair commoun effaires, to the commoditie thairof and to the weill of the inhabitants of the samin in all tyme thaireftir. And baith the saids pairties comperand, and talkand the burdein vpone theme as said is, band and obleist theme and thair successouris to keip and fulfill the haill premissis abone writtin in all tyme cuming, vnder the payne of four thousand merkis to be payit be the pairtie contravenar of this present act and ordinance for ilk failzie thairof, the ane half thairof to the borrowis and the vther half to the pairtie keiper and observer, and in tairking of thair willingnes, and that they ar content of the delyverance abone writtin they haif subscriuit the samin with thair hands, and the saids borrowis declaires the said forme of the electioun prescryuit in this present act not to be vsit as ane preparative amongs vthers borrowis in respect the same is sett down vpone the consideratioun of the necessitie of the present estait of the said burgh; for the quhilkis caussis the saids borrowis hes remittit and be thir presents remittis to the said burgh the saids vnlaw incurrit be theme of before in not electing of thair magistrats conforme to the actes of parliament and borrowis; and as concerning the present form of election of the magistrats of the said burgh thai ordayne the sam to remayn till the nixt electioun at Michaelmes nixt allanerlie and na langer, and dispenssis for thair pairt with the saids actes maid in the contrare thairof, and as of before ordanis the said burgh to send with thair commissioneris to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis the forme of thair electioun at Michaelmes nixtocum and to proceid thairin in maner foresaid, as also to produce thair diligence in observing the premissis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. And forder the commissioners present declaires that, notwithstanding the claus abone writtin ordaning that at the electioun of the magistrats thair sall conveye yeirlye at the ordinarie tymes the ald and new counsall, consisting ilk ane of thame of the number of 16 persouns of the qualitie abone writtin, that at the said electioun, for the bettir peace and concord amongs thame, and with both thair awin consentis, thair salbe equalitie of vots betuixt the gild brether and craftismen in the said electioun allanerlie, reserving to the proveist of the said burgh for the tyme his awin plaice in votting; and this claus to be nawayes ane preparative amongs the rest of the borrowis nor preiudiciall to the forme of electioun prescryuit be the saids actes of parliament and borrowis.

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Cunninghames, comptes, missive.

31. Anent the 8th act of the particular convention held at Edinburgh in November last, David Aikenheid, commissioner of Edinburgh, produced the accounts of Thomas Cunninghame, factor in Campheir, collector of the impost granted for payment of the stipend of the minister there. The sum collected from 30 April 1616 to 30 April 1617 extended to £212 10 s., Flemish, and from the latter date to 20 April 1618 to £164 18 s., grit. The discharge for the first year extended to £212 10 s., grit, and for the second to £167 Flemish, making together £379 10 s., from which there were deducted £21 13 s. 4 d., fees charged for collection but not allowed, and 42 s. due in last accounts, leaving £19 11 s. 4 d. due by the collector who was instructed to continue uplifting the impost till next convention. "As also ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to wryte to the conservatour deput, willing and desyring him in their names to conveyne the rest of the factouris thair, and they to apoint ane of thair awin number for ingathering of the said impost, considering that they rype the onlie benefeit of the said minister, and at his planting thai wer willing that ane collectour sould be appointit out of thair said number."

Commission, Edinburgh, etc., anent the shipping.

32. Comperit David Aikinheid and Andro Scott, commissioners for the burgh of Edinburgh, and declairit that the lords of his majesties secreit counsell had convenit before theme the magistrattis of the said burgh and had shoven vnto theme that his Majesties will was that the proclamatioun craivit to be maid inhibiting anie commodities or merchandices of this realme to be laidint in forane boddumes, sua lang as our awin remaynit vnfrauchtit, sould be establisshit, notwithstanding of the ressounes vsit be the saids borrowis at the last particular conventioun haldin at Edinburgh in November last, and sent to his Majestie be the lords of secreit counsell gif no gritter impediment or ressoun could be shawin in the contrare, and that the saids lords had continewit thair ansuer to the dissolving of this present conventioun; and the saids commissioners of borrowis haiffing ryplie advysit how neirlie the same does concerne the standing of thair estait, they give thair full power and commissioun to the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Abirdein, Stirling, Sanct Androes, Glasgow, Air, Munros, Haddingtoun, Coupar, Dumfreis, Kirkcudbright and Dysart to meitt and conveyne at the said burgh of Edinburgh the 13 day of this instant, with continuatioun of dayes, to treat, ressoun, vote, and conclud anent the mater of shipping; and in thair names to show to the lords of his Majesties counsell the particular hurts that the haill cuntrey sall sustein to the decay of navigatioun within the samin, far by his Majesties guid intention, if the said procla-

matioun sall goe on and be establishit, and thairfore to desyre the recalling thair of. And, siclyik, anent the supplicatioun gevin in be the burgh of Wigtoun, craiving support for prosecuting the actioun betuixt theme and the burgh of Stranrawer, the saids commissioneris gevis thair full power and commissioun to the saids borrowis to advyse and deliberat vpon the best way for prosecuting of the said actioun and supplieing of the said burgh of Wigtoun to that effect, as also anent the complaint of George Purves commissioner for the burgh of Dumbar against Joseph Marjoriebanks and his pertinens for exacting of theme ten s. of ilk barrel reid hering and imposit be the saids borrowis, and continewit to this present conventioun; baith the saids pairties comperand, the saids burroues remittis the samin to the said particular conventioun to be haldin at Edinburgh the said 13 day of this instant be the commissioners than convenand, to quhome the present commissioneris gevis thair full power and commissioun to doe, vse, and exerce all and quhatsumeir this present conventioun mycht doe in the said mater thameselffis, ferme and staible haldin and for to hald quhatsumeir thei sall doe in the premissis; and ordains the burgh of Dumbar, with consent of the present commissioner, to send thair commissioner sufficientlie instructed with full power to deall in the said mater, to meit and conveyne at the said burgh of Edinburgh with the saids borrowis the fourtein of this instant; and ordains the saids borrowis to report thair diligence anent the premissis to the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

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33. The commissioners consented to the admission of Thomas Ewing as a factor for the nation at the town of Campheir.

Ewing factor.

34. The commissioners ordained the burghs of Dunfermling, Bruntlyland, Culrose, Kinghorne, Kirkcaldie, and Dysart to send commissioners to Innerkething to take trial regarding "the grit abuses committit in the governament and bestowing of the commoun guid" of that burgh.

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rowis, Inner-
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guid missive.

35. With regard to the supplications mentioned in the 37th act of last generall convention, and also to those of Culros and Northberuick for help to the reparation of their decayed harbours, the commissioners gave same instructions as last year, "and ordains the burghs nixt adjacent to visite the necessitie of the saids borrowis and to mak report to the nixt conventioun."

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dington An-
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weyme, Culros,
Northberuick,
continewit.

36. Ordained the burghs of Muntros, Dumfreis, Innernes, Bamff, Forfare, Forres, Nairn, Lawder, Annan, Lochmaben, to send to next convention their parts of the sum granted to Innerkething for repair of their harbour.

Innerkething
ij^e li missive.

DUNFERME.
JNG. 10 July
1618.

Sir William
Seytoun,
horsis of re-
law, missiwe.
Peiblis, vnlaw,
continewit,
missiwe.
Supplicatioun,
Winrahame
ije xlix li 6s 8d
borrowis, mis-
siwe.
Exemptiones,
Thayne San-
quhair, and
Irwyne.
Supplicatio,
support,
Coupar.

37. The commissioners gave power to the burghs appointed to conveyne anent the shipping to confer with Sir William Seytoun "anent the overtures to be proponit be him anent the mater of the horsis of rela."

38 At the earnest desire of the commissioner of Peiblis, the uplifting of the unlaw mentioned in act 8 of this convention continued till next year.

39. Each burgh ordained to send to next convention their shares of £249 6s. 8d. disbursed by the agent in the common affairs of the burghs.

40. Granted licence to the burghs of Thayne, Sanquhair, and Irwyng to remain from all general conventions for three years, on the usual terms.

41. Anent the supplicatioun of the burgh of Coupar, craiving support for repairing of thair burgh quhilk is becum in ane maner desolate throw the accident of fyre, the saids commissioneris of borrowis ordanis the burghis quha hes not gevin thair voluntar contributioun to the said burgh betuixt and Mertymes nixt to send the samin to theme, and recommends the consideratioun of the necessitie of the said burgh to thair godlie cheritie.

42. Anent the supplicatioun of the burgh of Anstruther Wester, craiving licence to impetrat of oure Soverayne Lord ane impoist of all guids importit or exportit within thair herberie, comperit the commissioner of Anstruther Eister, and in name of thair said burgh desyrit to be hard in the said mater, quhairfor the saids commissioners of borrowis continewis thair ansuer thairto, and ordanis [the burghs to send their commissioner to next convention sufficiently instructed to decide.]

Selkirk, vnlaw
continewit.

43. Continued till next conventioun the uplifting of the unlaw incurred by Selkirk for non-production of the form of election of their magistrates.

11 July 1618.

Vnlawis, St
Androes, Stir-
ling, Thayne,
Brichen, con-
tinewit.

44. Continued till next general convention the uplifting of the unlaws incurred by St Androes and Stirling for not producing the form of their elections, and the unlaw incurred by Thayne last general conventioun, and remitted to Brichen their unlaw also then incurred.

Munros, etc.,
vnlawit.

45. The commissioners unlawed the burghs of Munros, Nairne, Lochmaben and Annan in £20 each for not sending their shares of the agents fees, and

the burghs of Arbroth, Bamff, Selkirk, and Lauder in £40 each for not sending their shares of £4000 mentioned in the 32d act of last general convention.

DUMFERMELING. 11 July 1618.

46. Ordained that the clerk of Dumfermling be paid £20 for directing the missives this year.

Agent, Dumfermeling xx li.

47. The saids commissioners of borrowis, finding and recensing the grit confusioun quhilk daylie accessis in thair conventiounes throw not preceis keiping and observing of the statuttis sett doun amongs theme-selffis, and throw remitting and pardoning all vnlawis incurrit be the transgressouris thair of, for remeid quhair of it is statut and ordanit that in caice anie burgh salbe heirefter decernit in ane vnlaw for not fulfilling anie heid of the generall missiwe or transgressing ane act or statut of borrowis, that the commissioner quha sal happin to vote for remitting of the said vnlaw sall incur ane vnlaw of fyve pundis to be payit presentlie, and to haif na farder vote amongs the rest of the borrowis quhill the samin be payit, and ordanis ilk commissioner present to mak intimatioun heirof at thair home coming to thair burgh, and to report thair diligence heiranent in writ to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Statute, voters to remitting of unlayes.

48. Anent the mater concerning the measures and wechtis to be obseruit and keipit within the saids borrowis conforme to the acts of parliament maid thairanent, and anent the pryces to be sett doun thairfore, the saids commissioneris of borrowis gevis full power and commissioun to the burghis appointit to meit at Edinburgh anent the maitter of the shipping to treat, resoun, and conclud in the said mater, and to doe and conforme all and quhatsumeir the said generall conventioun of borrowis micht haif done theme selffis at this present conventioun, and quhatsumeir they sall determine in the said mater they promise to ratifie and approve the samin and abyd thairat, and ordanis the burghis of Edinburgh, Stirling, Lythgow, and Lanerik, with consent of thair present commissioneris, to direct thair commissioners to meit and conveyne at the said burgh of Edinburgh the fourtein of this instant, with full power to treat and conclud in the said maitter, and the saids borrowis to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Commissione anent the wechtis and measurs.

49. The commissioners of the burghs mentioned in the 32d act of last general convention granted the sum of £4000 to be completely paid, and discharged the burghs, excepting those unlayed for not making payment.

Discharge, Edinburgh etc.

DUNFERMELING. 11 July 1618.

Conventione.

50. The commissioners dissolved the present general convention and appointed the next to be held at Haddingtoun, beginning on 6 July 1619.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
13 July 1618.

13 July 1618.

Edinburgh, David Aikinheid, Andro Scott ; Perth, Henrie Elder ; Dundie, Maister William Fergusson ; Abirdein, Thomas Meinzeis ; Stirling, Johne Scherar ; Sanctandros, Thomas Lentrone ; Glasgow, Mathow Turnebull ; Air, Johne Osburne ; Mountros, Maister William Makean ; Haddingtoun, George Hepburne ; Couper, David Andersoun ; Dumfreis, Johne Corsane ; Kirkcudbright, William Makcclellane ; Dysart, (*blank*).

Moderator.

1. David Aikinheid, first in commission for Edinburgh, constituted moderator.

14 July 1618.

Wigtoun v^c lli.

2. The saids commissioneris of burrowis grantis vnto the burgh of Wigtoun the ssume of fyve hundreth and fyftie pundis for thair support and supplie for the prosecuting of the actiounes intentit and to be intendit be theme against the burgh of Stranrawer, newlie erectit in ane frie regall burgh, notwithstanding the samin is contenit within the bounds of thair liberties, and for obteneing the suspensiounes alreidy purchest and depending betuixt thame anent ather of thair liberties decydit in favouris of the said burgh of Wigtoun, and ordanis the said ssume to be bestowit onlie vpon the saids actiounes and suspensiounes and no vtherwayis, and to be employed at the sight of the burgh of Edinburgh and the agent, and they to concur and assist theme thairin, as also ordanis the said burgh of Wigtoun to furnish the lyk ssume of fyve hundreth and fyftie pundis furth of the reddiest of thair awin to be bestowit lykwayes vpon the prosecuting of the saids actiounes, by and attour thair commissioners chairges. [Ordned the burghs to send their shares to next general convention and the burgh of Wigtoun to produce their accounts and report diligence.]

15 July 1618.

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15 July 1618.

3. Comperit David Aikinheid and Andro Scott, commissioneris for the burgh of Edinburgh, haivers and keipers of the standert of the elne, Johne Scherare, commissioner for the burgh of Stirling, keipar of the juge, and Gawin Blair, commissioner for the burgh of Lanerick, keipar of the wechtis, and in name of thair said burghis referrit the pryces to be taiken be theme for the saids elne, jug, and wechtis, to the present commissioneris of borrowis, and band and obleist thair saids burghis to abyid at the saids commissioneris determinatioun, and to give the samin out to the rest of the borrowis vpone the pryces to be sett down be theme, and the saids commissioneris of borrowis, beand ryplie advysit thairwith hes modifiet, and be thir presents modifies the pryce of the said elne to be ressaut fra the said burgh of Edinburgh, conforme to ane act of the last parliament maid theranent, to the soume of ten pundis vsuall money of this realme, the pryce of the said jug to be ressaut fra the said burgh of Stirling to the soume of tuentie four pundis, and the pryce of the said wecht to be ressaut frome the said burgh of Lanerick for the single stane wecht to the soume of threttie thrie pundis sax s. viij d. ; and in caice the saids borrowis salbe vrgit to ressaive frome the said burgh the haill number of wechtis following, viz., stane, half stane, quarter stane, tua pund, pund, half pund, quarter pund, tua vnce, and ane vnce, they modifie the haill pryces thairof to be the soume of ane hundreth merkis ; and ordanis the saids burghis, with consents of the saids commissioners, to geve out the saids wechtis and measoures to the rest of the saids borrowis vpone the pryces foresaid ; and lykwayes the saids commissioneris of borrowis modifies the pryce of the measure of the firloftis to be gevin out be the burgh of Lithgow, to quhom the standert of the said measoure is committit, and ordanit be the said act of the last parliament to be ressaut and imbraicit be the haill borrowis, extending to the number of sex peaces, viz., tua firloftes, tua pecks carieing in the boddum tua half peckis, tua fourth pairts carieing in the boddum tua half fourth pairts, to the soume of thrie score pundis ; and Andro Mylne, proueast of the said burgh, James Glen and Thomas Vduart, tua of the baillies thairof, comperand and takand the burdein vpone theme for thair said burgh was content agriet and consentit to the pryce abone-writtin, and band and obleist thair said burgh to abyid therat and to

Act, wechtis
and measoures,
pryces modi-
fiet.

EDINBURGH.
15 July 1618.

geve out to the saids borrowis the number of measoures abonewritten vpon the pryces foresaid.

Supplicatio,
Merjoribankis,
Dumbar, Reid,
hering missive

4. [Referring to the matters mentioned in the 31st act of the general convention held in July 1617, the commissioners ordained Joseph Merjoribanks and his partners, and also the burgh of Dunbar, to present their several supplications to next general convention, and directed the burghs to send their commissioners sufficiently instructed to give answer.]

Horse of relae,
missive.

5. Instructed the burghs to send their commissioners sufficiently instructed to give answer "anent the mater of the hors of rela."

EDINBURGH.
10 November
1618.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

10 November 1618.

Edinburgh, Dauid Aikinheid, Thomas Weir; Perth, Andro Conquerour; Dundie, Abirdein (*blank*); Stirling, Johnne Scherare; Sanct-androes, Thomas Lentroun; Glasgow, Gabriell Cuninghame; Air, Johnne Osburne; Kirkcaldie, Thomas Lamb.

Moderator.

1. David Aikinheid, elected moderator.

13 November 1618.

Certane bur-
roues anent
the impost im-
posed vpon the
victuall.

2. The saids commissioners of borrowis, being convenit anent the new impositioun layed vpon the victuall imported to this cuntrey, and finding theme selffis heavilie damnifiet therby, hes ordanit and be thir presents ordanis thair generall clerk in thair names to direct ane missiwe to the borrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Abirdein, St Androes, Glasgow, Stirling, Lythgow, Air, Dumfreis, Kirkcaldie, Craill, Haddingtoun, and Dysart to meitt and conveyne at this burgh of Edinburgh the aucht day of December nixtocum with continuatioun of dayes, declairing thair proceidings in the said mater with the lords of his Majesties privie counsell, and thairfore desyring the saids borrowis to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed with thair commissiouns to meitt and conveyne day and plaice foresaid to deliberat, advyse, and conclud anent sum resolute ordour to be taiken be theme for the weill of the borrowis in the said

mater quhairanent thir presents salbe his warrand, and desyres the burgh of Edinburgh to advertise thair agent anent thair proceedings in this mater. EDINBURGH.
13 November
1618.

3. The saids commissioners of borrowis ordanis Thomas Lentrone, commissioner for the burgh of Sanctandros, of his awin consent, to present before theme the aucht day of December nixtocum Andro Forrett, burges of the said burgh, for ansuering to the complaints to be gevin in against him be the inhabitants of the burgh of Kirkcaldie anent the impoist grantit to him for obteneing certain lettres patents in favouris of this natioun, and for production of his comptes of the samin. Lentrone,
Forrett.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

8 December 1618.

EDINBURGH.
8 December
1618.

Edinburgh, David Aikinheid, Thomas Weir ; Perth (*blank*) ; Dundie, Maister Alexander Wedderburne, younger ; Abirdein, George Nicolsoun ; Glasgow, Gabriell Cuninghame ; Stirling, Christopher Alexander ; Lythgow, Andro Mylne ; Air, (*blank*) ; Dumfreis, Stevin Lourie ; Kirkcaldie, Thomas Lamb ; Haddingtoun, George Hepburne ; Dysart, Alexander Simpsoun.

1. David Aikinheid elected moderator.

Moderator.

10 December 1618.

2. Anent the mater of fyve shillings layed vpone the boll of victuall cummand within this cuntrey, and ten shillings imposit of new vpone quheitt, beir, and malt, and sax shillings aucht pennyes vpone all vther sort of victuall cummand within this cuntrey, the commissioners of borrowis presentlie convenit, finding the same to be ane mater of so grit importance as the small number presentlie convenit could not tak vpone theme to conclud therein, and thairfore requyrit the advyse of moe of the borrowis, and inrespect that the haill borrowis quha wes writtin to to haiff mett thairanent convenit not, and thairfore ordanis thair clerk in

Certain bur-
roues anent
the imposit
raised vpon the
victuall.

EDINBURGH.
10 December
1618.

Impost on
victual.

their names to wryte ane missiwe in name of the present commissioners to the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Abirdein, Stirling, Glasgow, St Androes, Lynlythgow, Air, Dumfreis, Kirkcaldie, Hadingtoun, Craill, Dysart, Couper, Anstruther Eister, Munros and Culros to send their commissioners sufficientlie instructit to meitt and conveyne at the burgh of Edinburgh the first day of Februar nixtocum the yeir of God ane thousand sax hundreth and nyntein yeirs for ane resolut ordour to be taiken in the said mater, and with full and ample commissioun to conclud therin; as also ordanis to remember the borrowis apointit for the mater of the shipping quheranent thir presents salbe his warrand.

Forret, compts,
missive.

3. The saids commissioners ordanis Andro Forret, burges of Sanct-androes, of his awin consent, to caus publicatioun be maid of the lettres patents purchest be him in favouris of the natioun at all the ports requisite in England and especiallie at Londoun, quherby the samin may tak better effect in all the pairts of England, and the nichtbouris easit of thair former impost, and his paines therin salbe thankfullie considderit; as lykwyys ordanis the said Andro to present vnto the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis his comptes of his intromissioun of the impost grantit to him for obteneing the saids lettres patents conteneing the preceis dayes, monethis, and yeires of his ressais, and to report his diligence theranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

EDINBURGH.
2 February
1619.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

2 February 1619.

Edinburgh, Daud Aikinheid, Thomas Weir; Perth, Andro Conquerour; Dundie, (*blank*); Aberdene, ratificatione produced be the agent; Stirling, Johnne Schearar; Glasgow, Galbriell Cunninghame; Sanct-androes, Thomas Lentrone; Lynlythgow, Andro Mylne; Air, Johnne Cunninghame; Dumfreis, (*blank*); Kirkcaldie, Thomas Lamb; Hadingtoun, George Hepburne; Craill, Johnne Makiesone; Dysert, Alexander Symson; Couper, Anstruther Eister, (*blank*); Mountrois, William Makkeane; Culrois, Sir George Bruce.

1. David Aikinheid elected moderator.

EDINBURGH.
2 February
1619.
Moderator.

2. The saids commissioneris, being conveynit anent the fyve schillingis first imposed vpon ilk boll victuall cummand within this cuntrie and ten schillingis imposed since vpon the boll quheit, malt, and barley, and sex schillingis aucht pennys vpon all vther sort of victuall cummand lykwayis within the cuntrie, efter mature deliberatioun and long advyse had in the said matter they find the samine to be of suche consequence that not onlie thair particular estaite in thair priveledgis and liberties grantit to thame be his Majestie and his most noble progenitouris is nichttelie impairit, bot also the haill cuntrie may be thairby greatlie dampnifet and hurt, and thairfor findand the same to requyre the best advyse of the haill bodie of thair estate, hes continewit the said matter to the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis, and hes ordanit ilk burgh to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructit to the nixt generall conventioun with thair best advyse and finall resolutiouning of the samine.

Impost victuall
missive.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

23 February 1619.

EDINBURGH.
23 February
1619.

Edinburgh, Daud Aikinheid, Thomas Weir; Perth, Andro Conquerer; Glasgow, Gabriell Cuninghame; Stirling, Johne Scherare.

1. Forsamikle as the lordis of his Majesties privie counsell haiveing considerit the ressouns gevin in be the borrowis in the mater of the shipping, quherfore thair libertie aucht not to be restraint in frauchting of forain boddumes, togither with the ressouns gevin in be the schippiris of this realme in the contrare, hes thocht guid to requyre farder informatioun in the said mater of the lords of his Majesties Scottis counsell in England and willit both the saids pairties to send thair commissioners for geving informatioun to the saids lords in the said mater, and the borrowis present not being ane competent number for geving of ane resolute answere thairin, and finding that it was necessar to theme to haif the

Commissione,
shipping,
forraie bott-
omis, missive.

EDINBURGH.
23 February
1619.

Commissione,
shipping.

advyse and consent of moe of the saids borrowis menit theme selffis to the saids lords quha vpone thair earnest sute and desyre continewit the said mater and prefixit to theme the ane and tuentie day of Apryle nixt for resaiving of the said ansuer, thairfore the present commissioners hes ordanit thair clerk in thair names to wryt to the borrowis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Abirdein, Stirling, Linlythgow, Glasgow, Munros, Hadingtoun, Culros, Dumfermeling, Couper, and Dumbar, requyring theme to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructit with commissiounes to meit and conveyin at the burgh of Edinburgh the sevintein day of Apryle nixt for concluding and geving of ane resolut ansuer to the saids lords in the said mater.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
21 April 1619.

21 April 1619.

Edinburgh, David Aikinheid, Johne Inglis, skynner ; Dundie, Maister William Fergusson ; Abirdein, Sir Thomas Meinzeis ; Stirling, Johne Scherar ; Lynlythgow, Andro Mylne ; Glasgow, Gabriell, Cuninghame ; Hadingtoun, James Kirkwood ; Dumfermeling, Peter Law ; Perth, Mun-trose, Culros, Coupar and Dumbar (*blank*).

Commissione,
Edinburgh,
Dundie,
shipping.

Forsamikle as the commissioneris of borrowis present, being convenit before the lords of his Majesties secreit counsell anent the mater of the restraint cravit be the navigatouris of this kingdome of frauchting of forain bottomes, the saids lords intending to ressave farder informatioun in the said mater from his Majesties Scottis counsell in England, hes continewit thair farder ansuer thairin to the tuelf of Maij nixtocum, thairfore the saids commissioners hes apointit electit and ordanit the burghs of Edinburgh and Dundie to attend vpone the saids lords ansuer, and with all expeditioun thairefter to advertise the remanent borrowis thair of, that sum most expedient way may be taiken be the borrowis to be thair convenit vpon thair said advertisement, to the quhilkis tua borrowis the present commissioneris gevis thair full power and commissioun to the effect foresaid.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* HADDINGTON.HADDINGTON.
6 July 1619.

6 July 1619.

Edinburgh, David Aikinheid, Thomas Weir ; Perth, Andro Conquerour ; Dundie, Robert Clayhillis ; Abirdein, Sir Thomas Meinzeis ; Stirling, Cristopher Alexander ; Lynlythgow, James Glen ; Sanctandros, Thomas Robertson ; Glasgow, Mathow Turnebule ; Air, James Blair ; Dysart, David Sympsoun elder ; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne, George Hepburne ; Kirkcaldie, Robert Frensh ; Montrose, Johnne Mylne ; Coupar, David Andersoun ; Anstruther Eister, Henrie Moreis ; Dumfreis, Johnne Corsane ; Innernes, Johnne Cumyng ; Bruntlyland, Maister Andro Wilsoune ; Innerkething, George Durie ; Kinghorne, Maister Robert Cuninghame ; Brichen, Johnne Vdney ; Irwyne, Elgyne, and Jedburgh, ratificatioun and exemptioun producit be agent ; Kirkcudbright, Thomas Carrok ; Wigtoun, Johne Turner ; Pettinveyne, William Stevin-soun ; Dumfermeling, Maister Thomas Wardlaw ; Dumbartane, Thomas Fallisdail ; Ranfrew, William Sommervell ; Lanerick and Abirbrothok, ratificatioun and exemptioun producit be agent ; Peibles, Johnne Diksone ; Craill, David Maxwell ; Tayne, ratificatioun and exemptioun producit be agent ; Selkirk, Maister Johne Ker ; Anstruther Wester, Johnne Tulloes ; Culros, Robert Forrest ; Dumbar, George Purves ; Bamff, George Shirrum ; Quthorne, be ratificatioun and exemptione producit be Wigtoun ; Forfar, William Hunter ; Rothesay and Forres ratificatioun and exemptioun producit be agent ; Rutherglen, Johnne Riddell ; Northberuick, George Baillic ; Culane, Maister George Leslie ; Nairne, exemptioun and ratificatioun producit be agent ; Lauder, Alexander Wilkesoun ; Kilranie, exemptioun producit be Anstruther Eister ; Annand, David Myllar ; Lochmaben, William Maxwell ; Sanquhar, be ratificatioun and exemptione produced be agent ; Kilranie, exemptioun and ratificatioun producit be Hendrie Moreis.

1. The commissioner of Haddingtoun verified the citation of the burghs. Citation.
2. Maister James Cokburne, first in commission for Haddingtoun, elected Moderator. Moderator.

HADDINGTON,
6 July 1619.

Houres of
meitting.
Outland bur-
gessis, vufre-
men etc., pew-
der, missiwe.

Suspensiounes,
advocatiounes,
missiwe, dili-
gence.

3. Act passed in terms similar to the third act of last general convention.

4. Act passed in terms similar to the fourth act of last general convention.

5. [Act passed in terms similar to the fifth act of last general convention.] And farder statuttis and ordanis that all sic diligence as is ordanit be vsit be writ salbe reportit be writ allanerlie and no vther wayes, with certificatioun to these quho sall doe in the contrare they salbe fund to haif done no diligence and decernit in the vnlawis contenit in the actes, but favour. [Ordnait that the commissioners intimate this act to their burghs and that each burgh report their diligence hereanent next general convention].

Statut, out-
land burgessis,
missiwe.

6. Ordnait that the commissioners of new intimate to their burghs the 12th act of last general convention and that each burgh report their diligence thereanent.

Statute, mode-
ratur, mis-
siwe.

7. Forsamikle as be diuers actes and statuttis it is ordanit that whomsoever salbe first in commissioun for the burgh quherin the generall conventioun of borrowis does hald that he salbe electit moderatour during that generall conventioun, and the commissioners present, vnderstanding that diuers burghis hes bene in vse to elect such persounes to be first in commissioun for thair burgh as ar not weill expert in the commoun effaires of borrowis and does not tyne nor win in thair commoun effaires, for remeid quherof it is statut and ordanit that in all tymes cuming thair salbe nane admittit to be moderatour of anie conventioun of borrowis bott sic as ar or hes bene merchands, tredders and trafficquers, actuall residents within thair burgh, beiring all portable chairges within the samin, and may tyne or win in all thair effaires and weill expert in the commoun effaires of borrowis, and ordanis ilk commissioner present to intimat this act to thair borrowis at thair homecuming that nane pretend ignorance, and to report thair diligence in writt in intimatting thair of to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, vnder the paine of xx li. ilk burgh.

Electioun,
magistrattis,
Kirkcud-
brycht, Inner-
keything, mis-
siwe.

8. [For obedience of the 6th act of last general convention, the commissioners of Kirkcudbrycht and Innerkeything produced the form of election of their magistrates at Michaelmas last. The commissioners accepted the diligence of Kirkcudbright but found that Innerkeything had not conformed to the acts, and

had incurred the penalty which, however, was dispensed with. Both burghs were ordained to conform in future under the usual penalties.]

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6 July 1619.

9. Referring to the 13th and 14th acts of last general convention, the commissioners found that at Michaelmas last the burgh of Perth had done wrong in electing Lord Scune to be provost, and the burgh of Lynlythgow for electing Andro Mylne, chirurgiane, to be provost. The unlaws incurred up to this time were modified to £200 for Perth and £100 for Lynlythgow, and the agent was instructed to uplift them. Each burgh was ordained to conform to the acts in future under the usual penalties.

Electioun,
magistrattes,
Perth, Lyn-
lythgow vn-
lawit, missiwe,
chairage agent.

10. Act passed in terms similar to the 10th act of last general convention "and ordanes the burghs of Aberdein and Innernes to geve vp information of the particular greives."

Fairs in the
north, agent,
missive.

11. Anent the desyre of Sir William Seytoun and Sir Robert Hepburne, knights, Justices of His Majesties peace within the sherefdome of Eist Lowthian, craving thair cheritable support for help to the reparatioun of the decaying brig of Lintoun, the saids commissioners vnderstanding the necessitie of the said brig, and the gritt commodities redounding thairby to his Majesties haill lieges, with the grit hurt the said lieges sould sustein if the same sould becum ruinous, thairfore ordanis ilk commissioner present to recommend the necessitie and commoditie of the said brig to thair burghs at thair homecuming, to the effect they may send with thair commissioner to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis that quhich of thair owne liberalitie they will bestow vpone for supplie of so guid and necessar work.

Support, Lin-
toun bridge,
missive.

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12. The commissioneris of borrowis being convenit, forsamikle as his Majestie by diuers actes of parliament hes thocht meitt that ane vniforme ordour sould be keipit throw this haill kingdome of the barrellis of herring, quhyt fisches, and that the borrowis sould sett down the samin according to the saids acts of parliament, thairfore the saids commissioners of borrowis statuttis and ordanis in all tyme cuming the barrell of herring, quhyt fisches, and beiff, to containe nyne gallones of the Stirling pynt, and that all herring trees and quhyt fisch trees salbe of the gadge and measour foresaid; as also the saids commissioners of borrowis, vnderstanding that the barrellis of herring, quhyt fisches, and beiff, ar for the maist pairt vnsufficient, and that the caus thairfor is the heicht and grit-

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sour, hering,
quhyt fisch,
and beiff,
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sours, hering,
etc.

nes of the bilge of the saids barrellis, hes thairfore statut and ordanit that the forme of the saids barrellis, salbe alterit vniversallie in all the borrowis of this realme and that the bilge of the saids barrellis salbe maid les and the heids thair of ane gritter wydnes proportionallie, the chene being shorter then of before, keiping alwayes the measoure and quantitie abone writtin without diminutioun, and that the saids barrellis be maid of sufficient ticht and weill seasoned timber and markit with the burning yrne of the toun and coupers yrne on baith the ends and on the step besyd the bung, and ordanis the proueist and baillies of Edinburgh to caus mak ane just standert and measoure for herring quhyt fisch and beif, of the quantitie and fashion foresaid, and that ilk burgh sall ressave ane patrone and measure of the gage foresaid, and sall caus the coupers within thair bounds mak thair trees conforme to the said measour and markit as saidis, vnder the pane of xl li. ; and that sic barrellis as salbe tryet vnsufficient salbe confiscat and the coupar maker thair of haldin to pay ane vnlaw of fyve pundis for ilk vnsufficient barrell to the reparatioun of the commoun warks of the burgh quher the samin is maid, and ordanis the said burgh of Edinburgh to informe the lords of his Majesties privie counsaile heirof, and to obtene thair authoritie interponit heirto, and ilk burgh to report thair diligence to the nixt generall conventioun in intimatting and causing this present statut be obseruit and keipit within thair bounds and liberties, and in ressaving the said gage and patron frome the said burgh of Edinburgh vnder the pane of fourtie pundis ilk burgh.

Election, magistrates, Sanctandroes, Dumfermeling.

13. As required by the 30th and 44th acts of last general convention, the commissioners of St Androes and Dumfermeling produced the forms of their elections at Michaelmas last which were accepted for diligence. The burgh of St Androes was appointed to proceed in future conform to the acts of parliament and burghs, and Dumfermeling "conforme to the mutuall agreement sett down amangs theme be the commissioners of borrowis at thair said last conventioun."

Election, magistrattis, Stirling, missiwe.

14. Referring to the 44th act of last general convention the commissioner of Stirling produced the form of election at Michaelmas last. The commissioners found the burgh had done wrong in electing a craftsman to be a bailie, but delayed uplifting the penalty "in houp of amendment." The burgh was ordained to conform to the acts in future.

Election, Wigtoun, missiwe.

15. Ordained the burgh of Wigtown to produce to next convention the form of election of their magistrates and to conform to the acts.

16. For obedience of the 8th act of last general convention the commissioner of Peebles produced a rental of their common good and lands, on considering which the commissioners "find the said burgh nott to have putt thair said common guid and commoun lands to the hiest avail." The uplifting of the unlaw was delayed and the burgh ordained to roup and put their goods and lands "to ane hier avail" and to produce a more exact and perfect rental to next general convention.

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Peebles common lands,
missiwe.

17. Ordanis the agent to tak tryell anent the rent of the commoun guid and commoun lands of the burgh of Peibles and how the samin is bestowit be thame, and to produce his diligence heiranent to the nixt general conventioun.

Peibles, agent
missiwe.

18. Ordanis the burghs of Edinburgh, St Androes, and Dysart to tak farder tryell anent the paice and sufficiencie of breid, and to send with thair commissioners to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis thair overtures and best advyse for reforming of the present table of the said paice, and this vnder the paine of tuentie punds, ilk burgh.

Paice, breid,
missiwe.

19. Ordained the burgh of Craill to produce to next general convention diligence in causing four indwellers in St Mennens, three in Elie, four in Largo, and three in Leven, unfree traders, to desist from usurping the liberties of free royal burghs.

Craill vnfree
tredders,
missiwe.

20. For obedience of the 18th act of last general convention the commissioner of Renfrew produced letters of horning raised and executed at the instance of the agent of the burghs against twelve unfree traders residents at the Kirk of Greenock and six residents in Kilmacolme. The commissioners accepted this for diligence and ordained the burgh to take further proceedings till the persons prosecuted find caution to desist from usurping the liberties of free burghs.

Renfrew, vnfree
tredders,
missiwe.

21. The commissioner of Kirkcudbrycht produced an act of their court depriving seven outland burgesses of the freedom of their burgh. This the commissioners accepted for diligence and ordained the burgh to take farther proceedings against "the saids persones and against diuers vthers contenit in the 23 act of the last generall conventioun."

Kirkcudbrycht, vnfree
tredders,
missiwe.

22. A testimonial produced by Kirkcudbright in terms similar to that mentioned in the 22nd act of the last general convention, there being now only one year to run of the tack of Borelands.

Kirkcudbrycht, common lands,
missiwe.

23. Ordained that the burgh of Dumbar attend upon the fishing and report, as instructed in the 16th act of last general convention.

Dumbar, fishing,
missiwe.

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Innerkething,
commoun guid
and commoun
lands, missiwe.

24. Anent the 34 act of the last generall conventioun . . . for obedience quhairof comperit maister Thomas Wardlaw, commissioner for the burgh of Dunfermeling, thair commissioner direct to the said burgh of Inuerkething, and in name of the rest of the saids borrowis declairit that thai, haiffing met and convenit at the said burgh of Inuerkething the day foresaid, and haiffing taking tryell in the said mater committit to thame, they fand ane gritt pairt of thair commoun guid to be restan in thair magistrats hands, quhairby the samin wes verie euill employet and no compt maid thairof, for remeid quhairof in tymes to cum the saids commissioners of borrowis ordanis the said burgh of Innerkething to call and convene before theme the last magistrats thairof, and all vther persones haiffand anie pairt of thair commoun guid in thair hands, and to caus theme mak compt thairof to the present counsale of the said burgh, and quhat salbe fund restan in thair hands to delyver the samin to the present thesaurer in name of the said burgh, and he to be comptable thairfore ; as also ordanis the said burgh to caus roup and putt to the hiest availl thair commoun guid and commoun lands betuixt and the nixt convention, vnder the pane of ane hundreth pundis, and to produce ane perfynt rentale thairof togidder with ane perfynt compt of the employment of the same to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, vnder the payne of fourtie pundis.

Victual, im-
post, missiwe.

25. Anent the 2d act of the particular convention, held on 2d February last, the commissioners found expedient "that the said mater be continewit to the nixt generall conventioun" and ordained the burghs to send their commissioners sufficiently instructed thereanent.

Complaints,
Kinghorne
contra Brunt-
land, missiwe.

26. Act passed in terms similar to the 28th act of last general convention.

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Campheir,
augmenta-
tioun, minis-
ters stipend,
missiwe.

27. The commissioners of borrowis beand conuenit, comperit David Aikenheid, commissioner for the burgh of Edinburgh, and producit ane missiwe lettre direct frome the minister of Campheir to thir present commissioners of borrowis, craving ane forder augmentatioun of his yeirly stipend in respect of his gritter burdene then of before, with ane full assurance frome the present commissioners and perfynt securitie for yeirly payment thairof, and als desyring to tak sum farder ordour anent the

collecting thair of that he be not burdenit thairwith nor distractit frome his ministerie, with the quhilks heids the saids borrowis being ryple aduysit they geve full powar and commissioun to the borrowis that salbe appointit to meitt and convein at the burgh of Edinburgh anent the mater of the schipping to tak sum satled cours heiranent, and to wryt to the said minister, willing and desyring him in thair names to continew and goe on in that so guid ane werk begun be him and not to remove thairfra, promising in thair names that, inrespect the saids commissioners hes not cum instructit frome thair borrowis anent the said mater of augmentatioun of his stipend, that thai sall auquent thair borrowis thairwith at thair home cuming and tak sic ordour thairanent the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis that he sall haif no iust caus of complaint, and sall doe thair best for geving him satisfactioun in the said mater; and as tuitching the ingathering of the impost appointit for defraying of his said stipend, ordanis the saids borrowis to shaw vnto him they ar not of intention to burdene him anie wayes with anie thing that may distract him frome his functioun of ministrie, and thairfore sall tak sic ordour thairanent that he sall not be trublit in ingathering of the said stipend; and for better effectuatting thair of ordanis the saids borrowis to wryte to Thomas Ewing, present collectour of the said stipend and conservatour deuty, that inrespect of his manifold bands quhairby he is bund to serue the saids borrowis in all sutch thinges as they sall pleis to injoyne vnto him, to continew in vplifting and ingaddering of the said impost appointit for defraying of the said stipend as said is, and being ingatherit to delyuer the samin to sutch persones or persone quhome they sall appoint to ressave the samin aff his hands and quho sall deliuer the samin to the said minister. As also ordanis the saids borrowis to wryt to the conservatour deputt willing and desyring him to insist with Thomas Cuninghame, present ressaver of the said ministers stipend, to continew in ressaving and delyuering of the same as in tymes past, and in caice of his absolute refusale, to caus and compell sum vther of the factouris to ressaive the said impost fra the said Thomas Ewing who salbe obleist to delyuer the samin to the said minister that he be not distractit nor trublit in ingathering of his said stipend, and the said persone, ressaver of the said impost, to present yeirlie to ilk generall conventioun his comptis of his intromissioun thairwith together with the said Thomas

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Ewing his aith of veritie gevin vpone the treuth thair of ; as also the said conservatour deupitt to caus the said Thomas find caution for his intro-missiou with the said impost and dew deliverance of the samin to the persone apointit for ressavng thair of, and the said conservatour deupitt to returne his ansuer of his proceedings heirin to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis; and ordanis ilk burgh to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructit to the said nixt conventioun for geving ane resolut ansuer to the said minister his desyr anent the augmentatioun of his said stipend and perfytt securitie for the same to the said nixt generall conventioun.

Cuninghame,
comptes,
missiwe.

28. Anent the 31st act of last general convention, David Aikenheid, commissioner for Edinburgh, produced the accounts of Thomas Cuninghame, factor in Campheir, of his intromission with the impost granted for defraying of the minister's stipend. The sum intromitted with from 8 May 1618 to 9 April 1619, with the balance brought from last account, extended to £179, 19s. 2d., "gritt Fleymis money," and the discharge to £162, "quhilk is payit be him to the minister, reider and keiper of the said kirk," leaving due by the collector £17, 19s. 2d. "Ordanis the commissioneris that salbe appointit to meet at Edinburgh the (*blank*) day of this instant to wrytt to the said Thomas, earnestlie desyring him that, inrespect he is not trublit with ingathering of the said impost, bot onlie ressave the samin frome the collectour as it is ingatherit and deliuer the samin to the said minister, quhilk is bot ane small burdene, that he wald thairfore continew in vplifting of the said impost frome the ressaver thair of and mak ane compt of the samin as he hes done in tymes bypast."

Culane, magis-
trats, commoun
lands, missiwe.

29. Anent the 29th act of the last generall conventioun . . . comperit Maister George Leslie, commissioner for the said burgh of Culane, and producit his diligence in writt anent euerie heid of the premissis, quhilk beand sene and considerit be the saids commissioners of borrowis, they find the said burgh of Culane to haif vsit no diligence, and thairfore to haif incurrit the vnlawis contenit in the said act, quhair-with they dispens at this tyme, and ordanis the said burgh to [conforme to the acts in the election of magistrates, to cause the burgesses make residence, to roup the common good and lands and produce a more perfect rental and account, and not to feu lands of new—all as provided for in the act passed last year ;] as also to send with thair said commissioner ther principall chairtor of thair haill lands to be sene and considerit be the saids borrowis that sum guid ordour may be taiken for supplie of the

said toun in tyme; as also ordanis the said burgh to continew in repairing and bigging of the said tolbuith and streittes and to produce thair diligence anent euerie ane of the premissis to the nixt generall convention of borrowis, vnder the pane of ane hundreth pundis.

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30. The saids borrowis, finding the gritt hurt and damage sustenit be ther haill estaitt throw the gritt number of the burghs of baronie daylie increassing, thairfore the saids commissioners of borrowis ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Abirdein, Stirling, Glasgow, Air, Lynlythgow, Dumbarton, Haddington and Dumfreis to meitt and convene at the burgh of Edinburgh the thrid day of this instant, and thair to treatt, resson, and conclud vpon the most fitt and expedient way for redres thair of, to quhome the saids borrowis grants and gevis thair full powar and commissioun to doe and performe all and quhatsumeuir thai nicht haif done themselffis in this present conventioun. And also anent the complaint gevin in be certain nichtbouris of the burgh of Edinburgh, and certain vther inhabitants of the frie borrowis within this realme, against Jacob Kene and Maximilian (*blank*), tua Fleymings, and Baltomais, and vther residents at the toun of Campheir, taking vpon theme to be factouris and buyars for the merchands in West Flanders and Holland and vthers that wont to cum in gritter number to buye frome the merchands thair skins, hyides, plaids, and vthers waires, and so causing the said cuntrey people to byd at home, quherby the natioun is constraint to sell thair waires of lawer raittes and pryces nor thai wer wont to doe nor quhen the said cuntrey people did cum down to buye the saids waires themselffis, to the gritt hurt and preiudice of the haill natioun, and will not fail to bring ane gritt decay to that haill tred if the samin be not prevented in tyme, as at mair lenth is contenit in ther supplicatioun gevin in thairanent; for remeid quherof the saids commissioners ordains the borrowis appointit to meitt at Edinburgh the said day of this instant to tak the best tryell thai can heirin and efter tryell to sett down sum guid ordour for redres of the saids abusses and preventing of the lyk dangers in tymes cuming. . . . And siclyke [to consider and dispose of the bond by John Sempill and Thomas Fallisdaill, to the same effect as is contained in the 17th act of last generall convention]. And siclyk, gevis power to interceid with the lords of his Majesteis secreit counsall for staying and annulling of the gift grantit to Johnne Durie or Maister Johnne Broun,

Burghs of
baronie, Flemy-
ings, regtrait-
ters, bands—
Sempie, Fallis-
dale, commissio-
borrowis,
missive.

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baronie, etc.

Selkirk,
election,
magistrattis,
missive.

Jadge of
salmond, com-
missio, parti-
cular conven-
tioun, suppli-
catio,
Jedburgh,
Wigtoun,
Stranrawer,
missive.

or ather of theme, for setting vp of lights vpone the Fairnie yland, quhilkis the saids borrowis finds to be verie preiudiciall to the haill merchands tredders, both inrespect of the littill necessitie thair of and of the gritt hurt sall therby ensew if the samin salhappin to be mistaiken. And ordanis the saids borrowis to report thair proceedings in the saids maters committit to theme to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

31. The same day, vnderstanding certain abussis committit be the burgh of Selkirk, in electioun of thair magistrats, thairfor the saids commissioners of borrowis ordanis the said burgh of Selkirk to produce to the next generall conventioun of borrowis the forme of thair electioun at Michaelmes nixt, and to proceed thairin conforme to the actes of parliament and borrowis, vnder the pane of fourtie pundis.

32. Anent the jadge of salmond referrit be the lords of his Majesteis secret counsall to haif bene sett down and agriet vpone be the present commissioners of borrowis in this thair meitting, the saids commissioners of borrowis, efter matur deliberatioun taken theranent, hes remittit and be thir presents remittis the samin to be sett down be the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Abirdein, Stirling, Glasgow, Air, Lythgow, Dumbartan, Haddingtoun, Dumfreis, in thair particular conventioun to be haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh the 13 day of this instant, with continuatioun of dayes, to the quhilks borrowis the present commissioners gevis thair full power and commissioun to doe therin all and quhatsumeuir thai mycht doe thameselffis in this thair present conventioun, and ordanis the saids borrowis to sett down the samin, according to the actes of parliament, and being sett down and griet vpone, to present the said jadge to the lords of his Majesteis privie counsall according to the reference maid be theme to this present conventioun, firme and stable haldand and for to hald all and quhatsumeuir thai sall doe theranent. And siclyik the saids commissioners of borrowis remittis the supplicatioun gevin in be Maister Johnne Rutherford, in name of the burgh of Jedburgh, craving thair support and assistance for prosecuting thair actiones presentlie depending against the burghis of Kelso and Hawik, newlie erectit in burghis of baronie, to the saids commissioners of borrowis to be convenit as said is, and ordanis them to tak sic ordour for help of the said burgh of Jedburgh as they sall think most meitt and expedient, and quhat they sall doe therin salbe allowit. And anent the action presentlie depending betuixt

the burgh of Wigtoun and the toun of Stranrawer, newlie erectit in ane frie royall burgh, ordanis the saids borrowis to concur and assist with the said burgh of Wigtoun and to tak sa guid ordour thairanent as thai sall think most fitting for the weill of the borrowis.

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Jadge of sal-
mond, etc.

33. Anent the 3d act of the particular convention held at Edinburgh on 10th December, the commissioners remitted the accounts of Andrew Forrett to be examined and allowed by the burghs of Sanctandros, Anstruthers, Eister and Wester, Kirkcaldie, Dysart, Kinghorne, Bruntlyland, Coupar and Culros; and in case the accounts were not "fittit and endit," Forret was required to produce his accounts to next general convention.

Forret,
comptes,
missiwe.

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34. Anent the supplicatioun gevin in be the burgh of Culane, craving support and help to the bigging of ane tolbuith newlie foundit be theme, with thair assistance for repaying of thair decayit herbarie, the saids commissioners of borrowis ordanis the said burgh to continew and proceed in thair saids works, and according to the diligence to be vsit be theme thairin, the saids borrowis will putt to thair helping hand, to thair further furtherance in thair saids works, and thairfore ordainis ilk burgh to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructit to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis to geve ansuer to the said supplicatioun, vnder the paine of xx li.

Supplicatio,
Culane, mis-
siwe.

35. Anent the reference maid be the lords of his Majesties secreit counsale in the mater of the schipping, ordaining ane certain number of the navigatouris of this realme to confer with the commissioners of burghs in the said mater, and vpone all sic particulars as doeth or nicht concerne the samin, to the effect that with mutuall consent the said bissines nicht be brocht to ane conclusioun, and that report sould be maid of thair proceedings in the said mater to the saids lords vpone the fyftein day of this instant, that thai nicht proceed to the finall determinatioun thairintill, according to the which ordinance, comperit Johne Durie, James Home, George Smaillum, James Flescheour, with diuers vthers of the navigatouris of this kingdome, and haiffing declairit that thai, according to the desyre of the lords of his Majesties secreit counsale, had addressit themeselffis to this present conventioun, and thairfore desyrit the saids commissioners to agrie and consent to the restraint cravit to be establischt, seing the samin wes ane mater so seriouslie urgit be his Majestic; and thereafter the saids

Act, reference,
schipping,
commissio,
particular
conventioun,
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borrowis, haiffing selectit certain of thair number for to reasone and confer with the saids navigatouris in the said mater for bringing of the same to ane mutuall agriement if by anie meanes possible they could effectuat the same, and efter long ressoning and conference with the saids skippers in the said mater, the saids navigatouris, comperand before the hail convention, refusit to enter in condition with theme except thai first agriet to the generall restraint cravit, quitch being done they sould be content that ane certain number of merchands, with the lyk number of owners and skippers, sould mitigatt the pryces of the fraught sett down in the table of England, and no vther wayes, with the quhilk offer the saids borrowis being ryplie avysit, they thocht the samin to be altogidder vnreasonable, and notwithstanding therof, for obedience of his Majestie, and to geve satisfioun to the lords of his majesties secreit counsale in the said mater, and albeit they fand the said restraint not onlie to be hurtfull and preiudiciall to thair estait in particular, bott also verie daingerous and hurtfull to the hail cuntrey, they wer content that the said restraint sould goe on and be establischt; provyding alwayes ther wer ane particular exception maid of the easterne and Noroway tred, and libertie grantit for transporting of herings; quhilk offer the saids skippers altogidder refusiss, and thairfore the saids commissioners ordanis the burghs of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Abirdein, Glasgow, Stirling, Air, to meit and convene at the burgh of Edinburgh the 13 day of this instant to attend vpone the saids lords and to deale in the said mater till it be putt to ane finale end, and to send commissioners to deale with his Majestie therin if neid requyre, and to provyd for thair chairges, quhilk salbe defrayit according as they sall prescryve the samin; to the quhilkis borrowis the present commissioners gives thair full powar and commissioun to doe in the said mater all and quhatsumeur thai nicht doe theselves.

Supplicatio,
Geddes,
Arnote,
Marjoriebanks,
Todrig, red
hering,
missiwe.

36. Anent the supplication gevin in be James Arnote and Charles Geddes, for theselves and in name and behalf of Joseph Marjoriebankis and George Todrig, younger, pertineris in making of reid hering within this realme, bering that quhair they, having vpone thair grit chairges and expenssis brocht in the tred of the making of reid hering within this realme, to the no small commoditie of this natioun, [for which the commissioners at the general convention at Perth in 1616, act 37, granted to them licence to uplift an impost of ten shillings for each

barrel of red herring made by any person, till they were paid the sum of 2000 merks, but the commissioners at the general convention held at Dumbarton in 1617, act 31, at the instance of Thomas Inglis and George Purves ordained the impost to cease. The supplicants now asked that the first act should be ratified and the latter annulled, and this was objected to by George Purves who had raised letters of suspension before the lords of session. After consideration] the saids borrowis dischairgis and annullis the said act maid at Dumbartane and reponis the saids compleners in thair owne plaices and to the lyk conditioun as thai wer in befor the making of the said act at Dumbartane in all points. And this decreit productit in presens of the saids complenars and George Purves; and ordanis the saids compleners to produce thair comptes of thair intromissioun with the said impost to the nixt general conventioun of borrowis.

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Geddes,
Arnote, etc.

37. Anent the supplicatioun gevin in be Thomas Speir, sone to vmquhill William Speir, [referring to the impost granted to the latter for defraying of the commissioners' charges who passed to France for ratifying the privileges of the nation, stating that in his accounts a great number of persons are entered as having paid who have not done so, that some had suspended the charges given them, others denied they had goods in Normandy, others had passed furth of the country and others were dead, whereby he was "damnifeit" in the sum of 348 franks 7 sous French money, and intreating the burghs to repair the losses, the commissioners] ordane ilk burgh qubairin the saids persones do duell and remane that hes suspendit the chairges gevin be him to theme for payment of the said impost mak iust payment to him of thair pairt of the said impost quhen said supplicant or anie in his name sall requyre theme to that effect, or geve vp thair names with all possible diligence without anie forder proces or citatioun of law; and to the effect the said Thomas may not be ane lossor at thair hands, bot ressave sum satisfiatioun in recompence of thair pairts quha is deid, or denyit his said debt, or past furth of the cuntrey and becum vnresponsible, they ordane ilk burgh to send thair commissioner sufficientlie instructit for setting down ane satled ordour and way quherby the said Thomas may ressaue sufficient recompence for his saids losses as said is, vnder the pane of fourtie pundis ilk burgh.

Supplicatioun,
Speir, missiwe.

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Supplicatio,
Haddingtoun,
support,
missiwe.

38. Anent the supplicatioun gevin in be the burgh of Haddingtoun, craving help and support to the reparatioun of thair heaven and herbarie of Abirlady, the saids commissioners of borrowis ordanis the said burgh to mak sum beginning of the said wark, and to prosecut the same sua far as thai can, and promittis be thir presents to help and ayd theme in thair said work, and ordanis ilk burgh to send thair commissioner sufficientlie instructit to the nixt general conventioun of borrowis for the same effect, vnder the pane of tuentie pundis.

Supplicatiounes, King-
horne, An-
struther wester
Pettinweyme,
Aymouth,
missiwe.

39. Anent the supplicatiouns gevin in be the burgh of Kinghorne, Anstruther Wester, Pittenweyme, and be the inhabitants of Aymouth, craving support to the reparatioun of thair herbaries, the saids commissioners of borrowis ordanis the burghs of Kirkcaldie and Dysart to visite the heaven of Prettiecur, pertening to the said burgh of Kinghorne, the burghis of Sanct Androes and Craill to visite the heaven of Anstruther Wester, the burghis of Dysart and Coupar to visite the heaven of Pettinweyme, and the burghis of Haddingtoun, Dumbar, and North Beruick to visite the heaven of Aymouth; and to tak tryell anent the expedencie of the saids heavens and herbaries, and to consider thair seuerall necessities and quhat salbe fittest to be doone for thair help to the reparatioun of the saids heavens, and to mak report thair of to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, and ilk burgh to send thair commissioner sufficientlie instructit for geving ansuer to the saids seuerall supplicatiounes to the said nixt conventioun.

Supplicatioun,
Culros, sup-
port, missiwe.

40. Anent the supplicatioun gevin in be the burgh of Culros for help to the reparatioun of thair decaying herberie, the saids commissioners ordanis ilk burgh to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructit to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis to geve ansuer therto.

Norberwick,
support,
missiwe.

41. Anent the supplicatioun gevin in be the burgh of Northberwick, craving help to the reparatioun of thair herbarie, the saids commissioners of borrowis, considering the expedencie of the said work and that the same is alreedy weil begun be the said burgh thameselffis, in considera-ticun quherof the saids commissioneris of borrowis for thair better further-ance in thair said work grants and gevis vnto thame the soume of tua hundredth pundis to be bestowit and imployet vpon the said work, and ordanis the said burgh to mak compt of the imployment of the same to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, and ordanis ilk burgh to send

their pairt thair of to the said nixt conventioun, according to the extent roll, vnder the payne of tuentie pundis by and attour their payment of their pairt of the said soume. HADDINGTON.
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42. Anent the supplicatioun gevin in be Alexander Gray, in name of the inhabitants of Peterheid, craving help to the reparatioun of their herbarie, the saids commissioners of borrowis considdering the necessitie of the said heaven, and finding the same to be verie expedient to all merchands and travellers for saiftie of their schips and guidis in tyme of tempest, lying into so open ane plaice of the cuntrie, they grant and gevis the said Alexander, in name of the rest of the inhabitants of the said toun of Peterheid, the soume of thrie hundredth pundis to be imployet and bestowit vpone the reparatioun of the said herbarie ; and the said Alexander comperand band and obleist himself for bestowing and imploying of the said soume vpone the said herbarie and no vtherwayes, and ordanis ilk burgh to send their pairt thair of to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis according to the extent roll, vnder the payne of tuentie pundis by and attour the payment of their pairt of the said soume. Peterheid, iije
li support,
missiwe.

43. Ordanis the borrowis of Dysart, Craill, Dundie and St Androes to direct their commissioners to meitt and conveyn at the burgh of Anstruther Eister the (*blank*) day of (*blank*), and to tak tryell anent their forme of vptaking of the impost grantit vnto theme for supplie of their harbarie and how the samin is bestowit, and to report their diligence thairanent to the nixt generall conventioun. Commissio,
certane
borrowis,
missiwe.

44. The commissioners granted licence to the following burghs to abide from general conventions on the usual conditions, viz.: Innernes, from conventions south of the Tay for five years ; Lauder, from conventions north of the Forth for three years ; Annand and Lochmaben for five years, and Kilranie for three years. Exemptiouns,
Innernes,
Lauder, Annan,
Lochmaben,
Kilranie.

45. Ordained that the agent pay "to Alexander Makcartney, for his bygane service taikin be him and to be tane in their commoun effaires, the soume of fourtie pundis." Precept, Agent,
Makcartney.

46. Vnderstanding the abilitie and qualificatioun of George Ramsaye and of his guid service done and to be done be him to the saids commissioners of borrowis, thayrfore they admitt and ressave the said George Ramsay to be their commoun post, and ordanis him to be imployit in making of all their wairnings. Admissio,
Ramsay, post.

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9 July 1619.
Abirbrothok,
vnlawit,
chairge, agent.
Precept, agent,
clerk of Had-
dingtoun.
Conventioun
dissolvit.

47. The burgh of Abirbrothok unlawed in £40 for not producing the form of election of their magistrates as required by the 7th act of last general convention.

48. Ordained that the clerk of Haddingtoun be paid £20 for directing the missives this year.

49. The commissioners dissolved the present general convention, and appointed the next to be held at Stirling, beginning at 4 July 1620.

EDINBURGH.
13 July 1619.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, David Aikinheid, Thomas Weir ; Perth, Andro Conquerour ; Dundie, Robert Clayhillis ; Abirdein, Sir Thomas Meinyeis ; Stirling, Cristell Alexander ; Glasgow, Mathow Turnebull ; Air, James Blair ; Lynlythgow, James Glen ; Dumbartane, Thomas Fallisdail ; Haddingtoun, George Hepburne ; Dumfreis, Johnne Corsane.

13 July 1619.

Moderatour.

1. David Aikenheid, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

Judge, sal-
mond, barellis.

2. The saids commissioners of borrowis, beand convenit for setting down ane perfyt jadge of the barrellis of salmond, conforme to the commissioun and powar grantit to theme be the commissioners of the last generall conventioun of borrowis haldin at Haddingtoun vpone the aucht day of Julii instant, mair at length contenit in the 31 act of the same conventioun and first article of the samin, haiffand efter mature deliberatioun considerit the gritt hurt and dampnage sustenit be the diuersitie of the barrellis and tries made be coupleis of sic quantitie as they pleis for thair awin particular proffeit, and quhat gritt benefeit wald redound to the haill natioun be ane vniversall measure, as als that his Majestie and estaittes of parliament in the parliament haldin at Halyrudhous the last of Apryle 1573, c. 57, had statut and ordanit that ilk salmond barrell sould contain tuelf gallones of the Stirling pynt ; lyk as als his Majestie and estaittis in the parliament haldin at Edinburgh the 22 day of Maij 1584 had ratifiet and approvin the said act and further statut and ordanit that thair sould be ane iust measure and standert for the salmond maid

be the borrowis conforme to the ald actes of parliament and the samyne to remane at the burgh of Abirdeine : Thairfore for obedience of the saids actes, and for fulfilling of the samin, the saids commissioners ordanis ane iust measoure and standert to be maid for the said salmond barrellis, contening tuelf gallonnes of the said Stirling pynt, to be delyuerit to the said burgh of Abirdein, thair to remane in all tyme cuming ; and als vther tua standerts to be maid, contening as said is, to be delyuerit to the lordis of his majesties secreit counsale ; and ordanis the saids haille thrie standerts to be markit with the lettres of C and B drawin throw vther as the mark of the commissioners of borrowis, and with the coupars mark, maker of the samin ; and for to sie the samin maid, appointis the commissioners of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Abirdein and Glasgow, and ordanis the saids commissioners to caus the samin be redy against Thursday nixt to the effect abonewrittin ; and Sir Thomas Menzeis, commissioner for the burgh of Abirdein, disassentit frome this present act.

3. The saids commissioneris of borrowis ratifies and apprevis the act of the generall conventioun of borrowis haldin at the burgh of Lynlythgow vpone the 4 day of Julij 1599, in the haille heids, articles and claussis of the same ; and further, forsamikle as thair is ane complaint gevin in be certain nichtboures, merchands of Edinburgh and tredders in the Low Cuntreyis, to the generall conventioun of borrowis haldin at Haddingtoun vpone the [8] day of Julij instant, and be them remittit to this particular conventioun against Jacob Kene, Maximilian (*blank*), Bartolomeis and Mortem de Cumek, induellers in Campheir thair, quha ar vnder the compas of the same act, thairfore the saids commissioners of borrowis discharges all Scottis merchands, or thair factouris, frome selling anie staiple waires cummand fra Scotland to theme or anie of theme, or to anie vther in thair names to thair behoof, directlie or indirectlie, vnder the pane of ten punds Fleyms sua oft as thai failzie, to be vptaiken be the conservatour, the ane half to be payit to the conservatour and the vther half to the borrowis, and the conservatour to be comptable thairfore ; and ordanis the conservatour to sie the said act of the dait foresaid with this present act to be putt to executioun ; and Sir Thomas Meinzie, commissioner for the burgh of Abirdein, dissassentit from this present act.

4. Anent the supplication of Mr John Rutherford, commissioner of Jedburgh, Jedburgh. referred to in the 32 act of last general convention, the commissioners ordained

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Judge, sal-
mond, barellis.

Ratificatioun,
act maid at
Lynlythgow, 4
July 1599.

Statut, Cam-
pheir, conser-
vatour, fac-
tours, mer-
chands.

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that burgh to prosecute the action against Kelso and Hawick, "and they promitt to haif consideratioun of the charges to be debursit be theme thairin."

Wigtoun,
Stranrawer,
missiwe.

5. Ordanis the commissioner for the burgh of Wigtoun that in the appointment to be maid betuixt theme and the toun of Stranrawer, anent thair new erectioun, they doe nothing without the advyse of the toun of Edinburgh, and that they report to the next conventioun of borrowis thair proceedings therin.

Missiwes, min-
ister at Cam-
pheir, Ewing,
Cunninghame
conservatour
deput.

6. Ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to caus direct the missiwes to the minister of Campheir, Thomas Cunninghame, Thomas Ewing, and to the conservatour deputt, according to the articles sett down in the actes of the last generall conventioun.

16 July 1619.

Burghis of
baronie.

7. Ordained that a particular convention be held at Edinburgh on 25 November next "to treat, resson, vote and conclud" regarding the prejudice caused to the royal burghs by the burghis of barony.

Shipping.

8. Anent the mater of the shipping [referred to in the 35 act of last general convention] ordanis the saids comraissioners to remane and attend vpoun the finall decisioun of the same conforme to the said act.

Dundie,
vnlawit.

9. Vnlaws the burgh of Dundie in the soume of tuentie punds for depairting frome this present conventioun before the dissolving thair of.

Semple,
Fallisdail.

10. Ordained that the clerk present to next convention the bond by John Semple and others to the burghs referred to in the 30 act of last general convention.

EDINBURGH.
25 November
1619.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Daud Aikinheid, Johnne Inglis; Perth, Andro Conquerour; Dundie, James Boyter; Abirdene, George Nicolsoun; Stirling, Johne Scherar; Lythgow, Andro Mylne; Glasgow, James Inglis; Air (*blank*); Dumfreis, Johnne Corsane; Hadingtoun, George Hepburne; Sanctandros, Robert Taelyeour; Coupar, Daud Andersoun; Carail, Johnne Dingwall; Kirkcudbrycht, Eduard Forrester; Wigtoun, William Dunbar; Muntros, (*blank*); Jedburgh, Maister Johnne Rutherford;

Kirkcaldie, Thomas Lamb ; Dysart, David Crystiesoun ; Irwyn, Johne Blair ; Dumbar, George Purves.

EDINBURGH.
25 November
1619.

25 November 1619.

1. David Aikinheid, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator. Moderator.

26 November 1619.

2. Forsamikle as the present commissioners of borrowis, vnderstand-
ing the number of the burghs of baronie daylie to increis and ar lyk to
grow to so grit ane number that thairby his Majesties frie royall borrowis
are grittumble hurt and dampnifiet, and willing that the same sould be
preventit and sum guid remeid fund out for preventing thairrof, and
thairfore hes thocht meit and expedient that the contraversies depending
anent thair liberties sould be decydit and putt to ane finall end, and for
better effectuatting of the said purpose they haif nominat and be thir
presents nominattis the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Aberdein,
Stirling, Sanct Androes, Glasgow and Air, for treititting and handling of
the said mater, and ordanis the saids burghis to send thair commissioners
sufficietlie instructit with commissiounes frome thair burghis of the most
meitt and qualifiet persones within thair said burghis to meitt and conveyn
at the said burgh of Edinburgh the tuentie saxt day of Februar nixtocum
in the yeir of God 1620 yeires, with continuatioun of dayes, for deliber-
atting advysing and concluding vpon the fittest and most expedient way
for redres of the saids hurts and ending of the saids contraversies and
prosecutting therof, to quhome the present commissioners gevis thair full
powar and commissioun to doe, vse, and exerce all and quhatsumeir thai
nicht haif done themeselffis in this present conventioun ; with powar to
theme to advyse, consult, and deliberat with the best and most expert and
learnit men of this realme anent the most expedient way for preventing
of the saids hurts and putting of the saids contraversies anent ather of
thair liberties to ane end, and to nominat, elect and choose sic ane per-
sone or persones for prosecutting of the said mater to the finall decisioun
therof quhom they sall find most meitt and qualifiet for that effect ; and
also with powar to theme to condescend vpon sic ane soume of money as
they sall think meitt expedient and sufficient for defraying of the hail

Burghs of
baronie,
missive.

EDINBURGH.
26 November
1619.

expenssis and chairges that salbe debursit in prosecutting of the said mater, and ordanis the samyn to be collectit and gadderit according to the taxt roll.

EDINBURGH.
28 February
1620.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Daud Aikinheid, Thomas Weir ; Perth, Andro Conquerour ; Dundie, Maister William Fergusson ; Abirdein, George Nicolsoun, Stirling, Johnne Scherar ; Sanctandroes, Robert Tailyeor ; Glasgow, James Inglis ; Air (*blank*).

28 February 1620.

Moderator.

1. David Aikinheid, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

29 February 1620.

Particular con-
ventionous.

2. Forsamikle as diuers borrowis who ar appointed for treatting anent diuers of the most wechtie and most necessar effaires belonging to the commounweill of borrowis does not meit at the particular conventionous, sua that these maters doeth ether desert or littill or nathing done thairanent, to the grit preiudice of this whole estait, thairfore ordanis that the same be rememberit in the missiwe that sum remeid may be had quhairby these euillis may be prevented, and that ilk burgh send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed to that effect to the nixt generall convention of borrowis to be haldin at Stirling in Julii nixt.

Consergerie,
relict of Neill
Kae.

3. The present commissioners of borrowis, having ryplie advysit anent the plaicing of ane sufficient and qualifiet persoune to be maister of the consergerie hous in Campheir in plaice of umquhill Neill Kae, maister therof, and finding that nather thair namber is sufficient for estaiblisching of that mater inrespect of the small number presentlie convenit and absence of sum who sould haif convenit at this particular convention, nather could thai weill conclud that mater seing the same does concerne the whole generall convention and that the saids commissioners had no commissioun of theme to that effect, and thairfore findis

it most meit and expedient that the said mater salbe continewed to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, and ordanis the same to be remem-
berit in the missiwe that ilk burgh may send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructit for planting and estaiblishing ane qualifiet persone in the said vacand plaice, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiwe ; and in the meane tyme, that the natioun resorting to the said toun of Campheir be not defraudit of sufficient ins and houssis for ressaiving and intertaymeing of theme, thairfore findis it expedient that the relict of the said umquhill Neill Kae sall supplie the said plaice till forder ordour be taiken theranent be the saids commissioners of borrowis and sum certan persone estaiblished be theme therin, provyding alwayes that the said natioun be weill vsit and the said hous sufficientlie furnisheit for thair ressait and intertaynement, vtherwayes that the said natioun be licentiat to pas to thair factouris houssis till the said plaice be provydit be the saids borrowis, and to this effect ordanis thair clerk in thair names to wryte to the conservatour deputt to sie this ordour now prescryved keiped be the said natioun and factouris thair, and to tak tryell of the said relict hir qualificatioun and abilitie, and to caus the saids factours serue the said natioun ; as also, ordanis to remember in the missiwe anent the electioun of ane clerk to the conservatour in plaice of the said vmquhill Neill Kae, clerk also to the said conservatour.

EDINBURGH.
29 February
1620.

Consergerie,
relict of Neil
Kae.

4. The commissioners, in consequence of the absence of some of those appointed to convene for taking means for preventing the damages to the royal burghs through the increase of the burghs of barony, "continewis the said mater to the nixt generall conventioun," and directed the burghs to send their commissioners instructed thereanent.

Burghs of
baronie.

1 March 1620.

5. The commissioners continued till nixt general convention "the mater of the excyse hering, depending before the lords of his Majesties session, at the instance Maister Johne Archibald, allegit takisman of the said excyse herings taken in the West Yles, against certane inhabitants of the frie borrowis of this realme."

Excyse, hering,
Archibald.

8 March 1620.

The Commissioners of borrowis vnderwrittin, beand convenit anent the extraordinier impost and custome vplifit be my Lord Forbus, laird

Impost at
fairs.

EDINBURGH.
8 March 1620.

Impost at
fairs.

Hairthill, and laird of Nuttoun, at thair faires, of St Serff, St Bartle, and St Laurence, frome the inhabitants of the borrowis ; lyk as, thai haiffing menit thame selffis to the lordis of his Majesties counsell thairanent, and the saids lords haiffing continewit the said mater to the first counsall day efter the 15 day of Julij nixt, vpoun houp of agriement and of sum guid ordour to be sett down be the saids pairties betuixt and the said day, in the quhilk agriement the saids commissioners of borrowis nominat for theme the burghis of Dundie, Abirdein and Muntrose ; thairfore the saids commissioners vnderwrittin ordanis thair generall clerk in thair name to wryte to the saids borrowis desyring theme to send sic ane qualifiet persone out of thair burgh as thai sall think meit for treating of the said mater and concluding thairin, to meitt and convein at the burgh of Aberdeen the 6 day of Junij nixt with the saids persones, quhairanent thir presents salbe his warrand.

STIRLING.
4 July 1620.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* STRIVILING.

4 July 1620.

Edinburgh, Mungo Makcall, James Danielstoun ; Perth, Henrye Elder ; Dundie, Maister William Fergusson ; Abirdein, George Nicolson ; Stirling, Johnne Johnnestoun ; Lynlythgow, Andro Bell ; Glasgow, James Inglis ; Sanctandros, Robert Taelyeour ; Air, Johnne Osburne ; Dysart, David Simpsoun ; Haddingtoun, George Hepburne ; Kirkcaldie, Thomas Lamb ; Muntrose, Maister William Makkeane ; Coupar, Robert Petersoun ; Anstruther Eister, Robert Alexander ; Dumfreis, Stevin Lourye ; Bruntyland, William Miklejohnne ; Innerkething, Mark Kinglassie ; Kinghorne, Maister Robert Cunynghame ; Brechin, Johnne Vdnay ; Elgyne, James Rutherford ; Jedburgh, Johnne Penman ; Kirkcudbright, Robert Bell ; Pettinweyme, William Stevinsoun ; Dumfermeling, Robert Aitkyne ; Dumbartane, Johnne Fallisdail ; Renfrew, William Sommervell ; Lanerick, Robert Lockhart ; Abirbrothok, David Ramsay ; Peibles, Johnne Diksoun ; Craill, Allane Cunninghame ; Selkirk, William Scott ; Anstruther Wester, Thomas Richardsoun ; Culros, Robert Forrett ; Dumbar, George Purves ; Bamff, George Sheirwood ; Forfar, Maister David Persoun ; Rutherglen, Johnne Pinkcar-

toun; Northberuick, Johnne Mure; Culane, James Ogiluie; Nairne, Johnne Rose; Lauder, Mark Sandersoun; Irwyne, Thayne, Quhithorne, Forres, Kilranie, Annand, Lochmaben, and Sanquhare, exemptione and ratificatioun producit be agent; Innernes, Wigtoun, and Rothsay (*blank*).

STIRLING.
4 July 1620.

1. Johnne Scherar, first in commission for Stirling, elected moderator. Moderator.
2. Act passed in terms similar to the 3d act of last general convention. Hours of meitting.

3. Ordanis ilk burgh to produce in writt to the nixt generall convention mair exact diligence in restraining thair outland burgessis, fore-stallers, regratters, and saillers without tickettis, and vnfriemen vsurping thair liberties, [and also] in publishing and intimatting to thair inhabitants the acts of borrowis maid anent purchessers of suspensiounes and aduocatiounes, sinistrioustlie, and putting of the same to further execution, vnder the pane of ane vnlaw of xx li. ilk burgh.

Outland burgessis, vnfriemen, suspensiounes, aduocatiounes, missiwe.

5 July 1620.

4. Anent the 28th act of last general convention, Mungo McCall, one of the commissioners of Edinburgh, produced the accounts of Thomas Cuninghame of his intromission with the impost granted for defraying the minister's stipend. The sum intromitted with from 12 May 1619 to 16 April last, extended to £170, 14s. gritt Flemish money, whereof there was paid to the minister the sum of £133, 6s. 8d., to the reider £16, 13s. 4d., to the keeper of the kirk £12, extending in all to £162, leaving in the collector's hands £8, 14s. The commissioners ordained the clerk to write to Cunningham asking him to continue in uplifting the impost and to send his accounts to next convention, and to be more particular in his accounts of the manner of uplifting the duty of one shilling for each sack of goods agreed to be paid by the factors in a court held in 1612.

Cuninghame, comptes, missiwe.

5. Forsamikle as the present commissioners of borrowis, vnderstanding be Thomas Cuninghame, factor in Campheir and collector of the impost granted for defraying of the ministers stipend thair, his comptes of the said impost, that onlie he in tymes bypast hes bein burdenit with the furnissing of the elements, and seing that the remanent factouris thair injoyes als grit benefeit as he or anie vthers, thairfore the saids commissioners of borrowis ordanis that the saids elements salbe furnisheit in all tymes cuming vpon the commoun expenssis of the haill factouris; and to this effect ordanis thair clerk to wrytt to the conservatour deputt in

Elements, communion, factouris, Campheir.

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5 July 1620.

thair naymes, willing and desyring him to conveyne the saids factouris, and to intimat to theme this present ordinance and to sie the same put to executioun in all pointes.

Minister, Camp-
pheir, stipend.

6. Anent the 27 act of the last generall conventioun of borrowis haldin at the burgh of Haddingtoun the aucht day of Julij the yeir of God 1619 yeires, ordaining ilk burgh to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructit for geving ansuer to the missiwe lettre direct from the minister of Camppheir to the saids commissioners of borrowis, craving farther augmentatioun of his stipend and perfynt securitie thair of, comperit Mungo Makcall, ane of the commissioners of the burgh of Edinburgh, and producit ane vther missiwe lettre direct from the said minister to the effect abonewrittin to the present commissioners, thairfore the saids commissioners of borrowis, vnderstanding that be ane former contract past betuixt theme and the said maister Alexander at ane particular conventioun of borrowis haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh the 22 day of Januar 1614 yeires, had agreit and condiscendit that the said maister Alexander sould haif for his yeirly stipend during his ministrie thair, and in contentatioun thair of vplift and ressave, be himself and his collectors quhilk sould haif bein apointit for ingaddering of the same, the particular dewtyes contenit in the particular act of borrowis maid thairanent of goodes, merchands, mariners, ships, and skippers, as is seuerallie therin contenit of the dait the 25 day of Julij the yeir of God 1612 yeires, togither with the particular dewtyes grantit be the factouris thair for thair pairts of his said stipend; and becaus that before that time the saids dewtyes had not bein collectit in such sort as that perfynt knowleg was had to quhat soume the same micht haif yeirly amountit, thairfore it was agreit and condiscendit vpon betuixt the saids borrowis and the said maister Alexander that he sould haif for the spaice of tua yeires following his entrie allanerlie to the ministrie of the said kirk at Camppheir, quhilk was and began the first day of Marche 1614, the soume of aucht hundreth guidlings, Flemys money, at four tymes in the yeir, provyding alwayes that incaice it sould pleis the said maister Alexander efter his arryvell to the said toun of Camppheir to choose rather to vplift the saids dewties be him self and his collectouris then to accept of the said soume of aucht hundreth guidlings, and sould mak dew and lauchfull intimatioun to the commissioners of borrowis at their generall conventioun, then and in that

caice that sett of the saids dewtyes maid be him in maner abonewritten to haif bene null, vtherwayes to stand in the full strenth, force, and effect, as the said contract and appointment of the dait foresaid at mair length beris ; and now seing the said maister Alexander hes both by his former missiwe lettre direct to the preceeding commissioners convenit at the burgh of Haddingtoun in Julij last, and lykwayes be his vther missiwe direct to the present commissioners of borrowis, declairit how grittumble the ingathering of the said impost be him selff vald distract him frome his functioun and seruice of ministrie, and thairfore hes rather choysit to accept of ane yeirly stipend then to ingather the saids dewtyes grantit for defraying of the said stipend, and craivit ane perfyt suretie for his said stipend ; quhilk desyre the saids commissioners of borrowis thocht ressonabill, and to the effect the said maister Alexander sould not be hinderit nor distractit frome his functioun of ministrie thair, to the hinderance of the advancement of the gospell and ecclesiasticall discipline thair, and for geving him satisfactioun and suretie of his stipend, they haif agreit and condiscendit that the said maister Alexander sall haif during his seruice at the said kirk of Campheir for his yeirly stipend the soume of aucht hundreth guidlings, Fleyms money, and that in full contentatioun of the saids dewties grantit to him for his said stipend, quhilk soume they be thir presents binds and obleissis them to content and pay to the said maister Alexander during his seruice thair at four termes in the yeir ; and as to the augmentatioun craivit, they ordayne thair clerk in thair names to wryte to the said maister Alexander showing him that inrespect of the meannes of the excres of the impost this yeir thair is no meanes left quhairby they ar abill to recompens his guid seruice, and thairfore desyring him as he hes begun to continew in his seruice, and quhen it salhappin that thair salbe meanes quherby his paines may be rememberit they sall not be forgetfull to geve him all satisfactioun according to thair powar.

7. Forsamikle as be diuers acts and statuttis of borrowis, and in speciall be the 41 act of the generall conventioun of borrowis haldin at the burgh of Dysart the 15 day of Junij 1593, it was fund that the factouris in Campheir aucht and sould content thameselffis with thair office of factorie and wer ordanit to desist and ceis from all bying and selling of anie Scottis waires to thair awin behoofe, bott allanerlie to the

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5 July 1620.
Minister, Campheir, stipend.

Statut,
factouris, Campheir, conservateur, missiwe.

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Statut,
factouris, Cam-
pheid, conser-
vatour,
missiwe.

weill, profit, and behoove of the merchands to quhome they ar subject to mak compt thair of vnder the payne of tinsell of thair offis ; as lykwayes, in the conventioun haldin at the burgh of Stirling the second day of July 1594 the same act was ratifiet and approvin in all pointes, and my lord conservatour ordanit to put the same to executioun vnder the payne contentit in the said act ; notwithstanding quhair of the present factouris at Campheid does buye and sell all kynd of waires and does transport the same to and frome Scotland to thair owne behove allanerlie, to the grit hurt and preiudice of the hail merchands trafficqueris in these plaices ; for remeid quhair of, the present commissioneris of borrowis does of new ratifie and approve the saids actes, in all the heids, articles, and claussis thair of, and dischairges the saids factouris frome buying or selling of anie waires and frome all kynd of trafficquing to thair awin behoofe ; and ordanis my lord conservatour, being present, to intimat this present ordinance to the saids factouris, and to put the samyne to executioun in all pointes vnder the paynes contentit in the said acts ; as also to tak tryell of theme who hes transgressit in tymes bypast and to punish theme according to the tennour of the saids actes, and to report his diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Ramsay,
Beattie,
Munros,
missiwe.

8. There being produced a letter from the magistrates of Campheid to the dean of guild of Edinburgh, showing that Johnne Ramsay and Robert Beattie, merchants, burgesses of Munros, had transported certain staple wares to Rotterdam and not to the staple port at Campheid, the commissioners ordained the burgh of Munros to cause Ramsay and Beattie to appear before next general convention under the penalty of £100.

Consergerie
hous, Porter-
feild.

9. Anent the 3d act of last particular convention held at Edinburgh on 29 February last, the commissioners elected Johnne Porterfeild, merchant, burgess of Edinburgh, to be master and keeper of the consergerie house at Campheid.

Commissioun,
burghis of bar-
ronie, missiwe.

10. Anent the mater of the burghis of barronie, mentionat in the 4 act of the last particular conventioun of borrowis haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh the 29 day of Februar last, the saids commissioners of borrowis ordains that in caice it sall pleis God that his Majestie sall repair to this cuntrey betuixt and the nixt generall conventioun, the burgh of Edinburgh immediatlie before his cuming to conveyn the burghis of Perth, Dundie, Abridin, Stirling, Glasgow, St Androes, Air, Lythgow, Dumfries and Haddingtoun, for consulting, deliberatting, advysing and concluding vpon

the fittest meanes for redres of the hurts sustenit be the frie royall borrowis throw the incres of the burghis of barronie and for decyding of ather of thair liberties . . . and vtherwayes incaice of his majesties not cuming ordanis the said mater to [be] rememberit in the missiwe.

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5 July 1620.
Commission, burghis of barrouie, missiwe.

11. Anent the 8th act of last general convention, the commissioners found that the burghs of Kirkcudbright and Innerkething had not proceeded in their elections conform to the acts. The penalties were dispensed with in the meantime and the burghs ordained to conform in future.

Election, magistratis, Kirkcudbright, Innerkething.

12. For obedience of the 9th act of last general convention the commissioners of Perth and Lynlythgow produced the form of election of their magistrates at Michaelmas last. The commissioners found that the burgh of Lynlythgow had, and the burgh of Perth had not, complied with the acts and both were ordained to conform to the acts of parliament and burghs in future. The uplifting of the unlaws incurred by Perth was continued till next convention.

Election, magistratis, Perth, Lynlythgow, missiwe.

6 July 1620.

13. Ordained the commissioners of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Aberdeen, Stirling, Glasgow, Air, St Androes, Anstruther Wester and Eister, Kirkcaldie, Dysart, Bruntlyland and Craill, to convene at Edinburgh on 11th instant, with full power (1) to "tak sum solid course" in the matter of the excise hering craved by Johnne Archibald, referred to in the 5th act of the particular convention held on 1st March last, and (2) to appoint a clerk to the conservator in Campheir in room of the late Neill Kae.

Commission, excyse hering, Archibald, conservator clerk, missiwe.

14. The commissioneris of borrowis, vnderstanding be informatioun of diuers of thair nichtbours of the grit hurt and damage sustenit be the merchands trafficquers to France throw ther factouris in Deip and vther plaices thair, by selling of thair guidis to vnsufficient persounes and not making thankfull payment to theme of the money dew to thame for thair saids guidis quhen they ar sauld, thairfore the saids commissioneris of borrowis, to the effect the saids euillis may be tymouslie preventit, and leist the same sould grow to ane gritter heicht, ordanis ilk burgh to send thair commissioner sufficientlie instructit to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis with thair best advyse for remeid thairof.

Factouris in France, missiwe.

15. Forsamikle as it is gevin furth be diuers nichtbours of the burrows that William Layng, merchand, burges of Abirdein, vpon advancement gevin to him be the Parisians and Jeswitts, does buy salmond to the vse of the saids Parisianes, and in so doeing does cullour vnfriemens guidis

Layng, Abirdein, missiwe.

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Layng,
Aberdein,
missiwe.

vnder cullour of his awin, to the grit hurt and preiudice of the hail trafficquers with salmond in these plaices and bretch of his burges aith, thairfore the commissioners ordanis the commissioner of the said burgh of Aberdein to mak the samyn knawin to his burgh at his homecuming, and to desyre theme in thair namés to tak such ordour heiranent that the said William may be restraynit frome the lyk doeing in tymes cuming, and if he hes vsit any such tred in tymes past to punish him according to the law, and to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Selkirk,
election, magistratis.

16. Anent the 31st act of last generall convention the commissioner of Selkirk produced the form of election at Michaelmas last which was found sufficient and the unlaw dispensed with.

Faires,
St Serff,
St Laurence,
St Bartle,
missiwe.

17. The commissioners ordained the burghs of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Aberdein, Haddingtoun, Munros and Lynlythgow to concur and assist with the agent for redress of hurts sustained by the burghs through customs levied at fairs, mentioned in the 10th act of last general convention.

Paice, breid,
missiwe.

18. The saids commissioneris of borrowis ordanis the burghis of Edinburgh, St Androes, Dysart, Haddingtoun and Kirkcaldie to tak forder tryell anent the paice and sufficiencie of breid, and to send with thair commissioner to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis thair overtures and best advyse for reforming of the present taible of the said paice, and that vnder the paine of xx li. ilk burgh.

Craill, vnfrie
tredders,
missiwe.

19. Ordained that the burgh of Craill produce to next general convention more exact diligence in restraining unfree traders, as required by the 19th act of last general convention.

Renfrew,
vnfrie
tredders,
missiwe.

20. [For obedience of the 20th act of last general convention, the commissioner of Renfrew produced] oure Soverayne Lords letteres raisit at the instance of Maister Robert Wynrahame, in name of the borrowis, against Johne Logane, scheref deput of the scherefdome of Renfrew, for taking and apprehending of the saids persounes, deulie execut and indorsat, quhilk the saids borrowis acceptis for diligence at this tyme; and ordanis the said burgh of Renfrew to produce forder diligence to the nixt generall conventioun, ather be putting of the said scheref to the horne and regretting him thairat, or in obtening of ane warrand to his Majesties gaird for apprehending of the saids persones, and in taking and apprehending of

theme ay and quhill they find caution to desist as said is, and the said burgh to report their diligence heiranent to the next generall convention of borrowis, vnder the payne of xl li. with consent of the present commissioner.

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Renfrew,
vnfrie
tredders,
missiwe.

21. Anent the 21st act of last general convention, the commissioner of Kirkcudbrycht produced an act of their court whereby the deprived burgesses found caution from using the liberty of the burgh, which the commissioners accepted for diligence.

Kirkcudbrycht
vnfrie
tredders.

22. For obedience of the 22d act of last general convention, the commissioner of Kirkcudbrycht produced a testimonial showing that the tack of the Borelands had expired. The commissioners ordained the burgh to roup the same to the highest avail on leases not exceeding three years, and to send a rental to next general convention.

Kirkcudbrycht,
commoun
lands missiwe.

23. Anent the 36th act of last general convention, Charles Geddes appeared and declared that he and his partners had received no duty as yet. The commissioners ordained him to produce his accounts to next convention.

Geddes, Reid,
hering,
missiwe.

24. The commissioners agreed to the admission of James Weir, son to William Weir, factor in Campheir, as a factor for the uation at the said town.

Weir, factor at
Campheir.

25. The saids commissioneris of borrowis finds meitt and expedient, lyk as they statut and ordayne that na persone salbe hard in anie tyme heirefter to sute for the office of factorie bot such as be themeselffis compeires personalie before the commissioners of borrowis that the saids commissioneris may the better trye and vnderstand of their qualificatioun and abilitie for dischairge of their deutie in the said office and find caution for their intromissioun, and ordanis ilk commissioner present to intimat this present ordinance to their borrowis at their homecuming, and ilk burgh to report their diligence in intimatioun heirof to the next generall convention of borrowis.

Statut, factor,
missiwe.

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26. Anent the 3d act of the particular convention held on 13th July last, the commissioners, understanding that the act had taken no effect in respect the same was suspended by the burghs of Perth, Dundie and Abirdein, ordained that the act take no farther execution till next general convention, and the burghs were directed to send their commissioners to next general convention sufficiently instructed, and the three burghs who raised the suspension agreed to abide by their decision.

Statut, Fley-
mings in Cam-
pheir, missiwe.

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Culane,
electioun,
magistratis,
commoun
lands, missiwe.

27. Anent the 29 act of the last generall conventioun . the saids commissioners of borrowis finds the said burgh of Culane to haif vsit no diligence no point nor heid requyrit of theme be the said act, and thairfor decernis thame in the said vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis, and ordanis the agent to vplift the same ; and ordanis the said burgh of Culane to produce better dilligence to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis of the haill heids abonewritten, vnder the payne of ane hundreth pundis ; and inrespect of thair not diligence abonewrittin, the saids commissioneris refuises to grant anie help or support to thair saids commoun warks vntill the tyme they sall satisfie the haill heids of the missiwe requyrit of theme, and for thair better furdurance thaj ordayne thair agent to concur and assist with thame and seik out the ald registers vpon the commoun expenssis of the borrowis.

Agent,
comptes,
missiwe.

28. Robert Wynrahame, agent, produced his accounts of his disbursements in the common affairs of the burgh from 17th November 1618 to this date, extending to £240, for payment whereof with interest, "and in contentatioun of his bygain paines and reddines in the commoun effaires," the commissioners agreed to pay him £333, 6s. 8d., Scots, and ordained the burghs to send their shares with their commissioners to next general convention. The commissioners farther ordained the agent to make such advances as their affairs require, obliging themselves to refund the outlays with interest.

Forrettis,
comptes,
missiwe.

29. [Anent the 33d act of the last general convention, Andro Forrett having produced his accounts, the commissioners find him] not to haif satisfieit the desyre of the said act, and his saids comptes to be altogidder imperfyt, as also to haif fund the said Andro to haif bene verie negligent in vptaking of the said dutye, and the burdein thairof to haif lyen vpone ane few and the grittest pairt to haif bene neglectit and oversein be him ; thairfore the saids commissioners of borrowis suspends the vplifting of the said impost to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, and dischairges the said Andro frome anie forder vptaking thairof, be himselff or his factouris in his name, vntill he sall obtien forder warrand fra the saids commissioners of borrowis to that effect, [reserving action to him for sums past due. Ordained that he send to next general convention a more perfect account of his intronmissions.]

Support,
Forrett,
missiwe.

30. Anent the supplicatioun gevin in be Andro Forret, burges of Sanctandroes, craiving help for repaying of his decayit estait throw his grit paines and chairges taiken be him in obtening certan lettres

patents in favouris of the natioun trafficqueris to England and Yreland, quhairby he is depauperat, and considdering quhat benefeit the samin wald bring to the saids tredders if the samin sould tak guid effect, they recommend the said mater to the present commissioners, and ordanis theme to recomend the said mater to thair borrowis at thair homecuming, and ordanis ilk burgh to send thair commissioner sufficientlie instructit to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis for support of his estait.

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Support,
Forrett,
missiwe.

31. Anent the 16th act of last general convention, the commissioner of Peibles, Peebles produced a rental of their lands and common good and account of the employment thereof, which the commissioners accepted for diligence. The burgh was ordained to produce to next convention a more perfect rental, to roup their goods and lands "to ane hier avall, and als to produce ane iust compt of the employment thairof, and to be more spairing in bestowing of the same."

rentall,
commoun
lands,
missiwe.

32. For obedience of the 24th act of last general convention, the commissioner of Innerkething produced a rental and account with which the commissioners were satisfied, "and ordains the said burgh in all tyme cuming to caus roup thair said commoun guid yeirlie and to put the samin to the hiest avall and to bestow the samin no vtherwayes then in thair commoun effaires; as also ordanis thair thesaurer to be the onlie ressaiver thairof and to be comptable yeirlie of his intronissioun thairwith to the said burgh."

Innerkething,
common good.

33. Comperit the commissioneris of the burghis of Dundie, Sanct-androes, Dysart, and Craill, and maid report of the commissioun gevin to thame, conforme to the 43 act of the last generall conventioun of borrowis haldin at the burgh of Haddingtoun in Julij last, that they had visit the herbarie of Anstruther Eister, and had tryet the forme of the vptaking of the impost grantit to theme be the borrowis for help to the repairing therof, and of the maner of the bestowing of the same; and declayrit that they fand the said herberie commodious and stedable to all ships resorting within this firth in tyme of tempest, and that the said impost and mutch more with it was bestowit vpone the reparatioun of the said herberie, as the comptes of the employment thairof presentlie sein testifies, thairfore the saids commissioners of borrowis finds the said act satisfiet in all pointes.

Report anent
the herberie of
Anstruther
Eister.

34. Referring to the 36th act of the general convention held in 1617, the commissioners ordained each burgh to bring to next general convention their shares of £400 granted to Anstruther Eister for repair of their harbour, and that burgh to give an account of the employment thereof.

Impost,
Anstruther
Eister, iiij^s li.
missiwe.

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Speir,
comptes.

Complaints,
Kinghorne
contra
Bruntyland,
missiwe.

Support,
Anstruther
Wester,
missiwe.

North-
beruick,
Peterheid.

Exemptiounes.

Munrose,
Dumfermling,
contra Edin-
burgh,
missiwe.

35. Anent the 37th act of last general convention, the commissioners, "in full recompence of the saids persones quha ar deceist and becum vnresponsible," granted to Thomas Speir the sum of £200 scots, and ordained each burgh to send their part to next general convention.

36. Anent the 26th act of last general convention, the commissioners ordained the burgh of Kinghorne to send their commissioner to next general convention sufficiently instructed with their rights and securities.

37. Anent the supplicatioun gevin in be the burgh of Anstruther Wester, mentionat in the 40 act of the last generall conventioun of borrowis, haldin at Haddingtoun in Julij last, the saids commissioners of borrowis, considdering the necessitie of the said herberie and how commodious the same is to the haill ships resorting within this Firth for saiftie both of ship and guids, hes grantit and gevin, lyk as thai be thir presents grantis and gevis to the said burgh, for help to the reparatioun of their said herberie, the soume of tua hundreth pundis money of this realme, to be payit in maner following, viz., the soume of ane hundreth pundis at ther nixt generall conventioun and the soume of ane vther hundreth pundis at the nixt generall conventioun thairefter; and to this effect ordanis ilk burgh to send thair commissioner with thair part of the said soume, according to the taxt roll, to the saids conventiounes, vnder the payne of xx li. ilk burgh by and attour thair part of the said soume; provyding alwayes that the said burgh be comptabill therof to the borrowis and bestow the same vpon the reparatioun of the said herberie and no vtherwayes.

38. The commissioner of Northberuick, in name of that burgh, and Andro Gray, for himself and in name of the inhabitants of Peterheid, respectively acknowledged receipt of the sums granted by the 41st and 24th acts of last general convention.

39. The commissioners granted licence to the following burghs to abide from general conventions, on the usual conditions, viz., Anstruther Wester, Northberuick, Forfar, Nairne, Abirbrothok, for three years; Elgin from conventions south of Tay, for three years.

40. Anent the complaint gevin in be maister William Makkean, burgess of Munros, and James Reid, burgess of Dumfermling, against the burgh of Edinburgh, for not suffering of thame to sell thair waires within thair liberties frielic to thair burgessis in smallis but onlie in

cumulo, comperit the commissioneris of the burgh of Edinburgh and protestit that inrespect that questioun did depend vpon the libertie and preuilege of thair burgh, and that the decisioun thair of wald tuitch ther heretable gifts quhilk thai haif of his Majestie and his Hienes predicesours, that therefore the saids commissioners could not be judges in this questioun, nather could the samin be apointit to be ane heid of the nixt missiwe, and thervpon askit acts and instruments. The saids commissioners of borrowis ordanis the same to be ane heid of the next missiwe, and ordanis the said burgh of Edinburgh to cum sufficientlie instructit to ansuer therto to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiwe; and the saids commissioners of the said burgh of Edinburgh disassentit heirfra and protestit *ut prius*.

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Munro,
Dumfermling,
contra Edin-
burgh,
missiwe.

41. The saids commissioneris of borrowis grantis and gevis thair licence to the burgh of Anstruther Eister to impetrat of our Soveraigne Lord ane gift of ane impost of all ships, bottis, veshellis and guides importit or exportit within thair herberie, conforme to the lyik impost grantit to thame of before, to indure for the spaice of fyftein yeires nixt heireftir; provyding alwayes that the guides importit, at the exporting of the same agane, not changing auners, be frie of all kynd of custome and dewtie; and with provisioun that thai bestow the said impost vpon the reparatioun of thair herberie, and that thai be comptabill thairfore to the borrowis at ilk generall conventioun.

Impost,
Anstruther
Eister.

42. Anent the supplicatioun gevin in be the burgh of Stirling, craiving help to the reparatioun of thair decayit calsayes and brig, the saids commissioneris of borrowis ordanis ilk burgh to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructit to geve ansuer thairto to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Support,
Stirling,
missiwe.

43. Anent the complaint gevin in be the burgh of Jedburgh contrare the burgh of Lauder, for taking and vplifting and exacting of theme certan customes and dewtyes, quherof they haif not bein in vse in tymes by past, the saids commissioners of borrowis ordanis the said burgh of Lauder to cum sufficientlie instructit to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis to geve ansuer thairto.

Complaint,
Jedburgh
contra
Lauder.

44. Anent the supplicatioun gevin in be the burgh of Dumfreis, craiving support to the reparatioun of thair brig, the saids commissioners ordanis ilk commissioner present to recomend the necessitie thair of to

Supplicatioun,
Dumfreis,
brig.

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Supplication,
Dumfreis,
brig.

thair burghis at thair home cuming, and ilk burgh to send thair commissioner sufficientlie instructit to the nixt generall conventjoun of borrowis to give ansuer to the said supplicatioun.

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Stirling,
electione,
magistrats,
counsell,
missive.

45. The commissioners of borrowis, beand convenit anent the 14 act of the last generall conventioun . . . comperit the commissioner of the said burgh of Stirling, and producit the forme of the electjoun of thair magistrattis at Michaelmes last, quhilk beand sein and considerit be the saids commissioners of borrowis, they find the said burgh of Stirling not to haif keipit or fulfillit the said act, in electing of ane craftsmen to be ane of thair baillies, and thairfore decernis theme in the said vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis; and for better ordour to be keipit in the said burgh in all tymes cuming, the saids commisioneris of borrowis, with consent of the prouest, bailleis, and remanent counsall of the said burgh, and with speciall consent and assent of Walter Cowan, dene of gild, for him selff and in name of the remanent merchands and gildbrether of the said burgh, and with consent and assent of Johnne Maissoun, deacone of the cordineris and deacone convener for this yeir, for him selff and in name of the remanent deacones and craftsmen of the said burgh, and for the weill, peace, and quyetnes of the said burgh, ordanis the forme of the electioun of thair magistrattis to be in maner following:—And first, they ordayne thair counsall, consisting of the number of tuentic ane persounes, to be of the qualitie of the persounes vnderwrittin, viz., the proueist, baillies, dene of gild and thesaurer, all merchandis and gildbrether of the said burgh, and vther sevin merchandis, and with sevin deacones of craftis to compleit and mak vp the hail number of the saids tuentic ane persounes; and the new counsall with the ald counsell to choose the prouest, baillies, dene of gild, and thesaurer of the said burgh; whiche persounes salbe onlie of the number of the gildbrether and merchands of the said burgh; and in caice of absence of anie of the saids persounes at the said electioun they ordayne the remanent counsalleris to mak choise of ane vther persone in his rume, of the same qualitie of the absent, who sall haif powar to vote during the said electioun or onye vther tymes when any of tham sall happen to be absent; and dischairgis, with consent foresaid, anie craftsmen to be baillyjes at anie tyme heirefter

within the said burgh, and this to be without preiudice of anie vther contract or agreement betuixt the gildbrether and craftismen of the said burgh anent anie vther of thair liberties with vtheris, and to be extendit onlie to the forme of the electioun of thair magistrats and counsall in maner abonewrittin; and farder the saids commissioneris of borrowis declaires this forme and ordour heir prescryuit to be sett doun onlie for the weill and peax of the said burgh, and not to be ane law nor preparative in vther borrowis as the most fittest midis for procuring of the quyetnes and peaceabill governament of the same, and without preiudice of anie act of parliament maid in the contrare, quheranent the saids borrowis dispensiss for thair pairt, and ordanis this forme to be and begin at the feist of Michaelmes nixtocum, and the magistrats presentlie in office to continew in the same to the said feist of Michaelmes nixt; and ordanis the said burgh to send with thair commissioner to thair nixt generall conventioun of borrowis the forme of the electioun of thair magistrattis at the said feist of Michaelmes nixtocum, and to proceed thairintill conforme to the ordour prescryuit in this present act. And last, the saids commissioneris continewis the vplifting of the vnlaw incurrit be theme for not electing of thair magistrats at Michaelmes last conforme to the ordour, to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiwe. And the saids proueist, baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer, counselleris and remanent deacones of crafts of the said burgh, in taiken of thair consent, hes subscriyuit this present act and ordinance as followis;—[here follow signatures].

46. Ordained that the clerk of Stirling be paid £20 for directing the missives this year.

STIRLING.
8 July 1620.
Stirling,
electione,
magistrats,
counsell,
missive.

47. The commissioners dissolved the present general convention and appointed the next to be held at Abirdein in July 1621.

Precept, agent,
Williamsons.
Next conven-
tion.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* ABERDEIN.

ABERDEEN.
3 July 1621.

3 July 1621.

Edinburgh, Johnne Byres, Williame Nemock; Perth, Andro Gray; Dundie, Maister Williame Fergusson; Aberdein, Mr David Rutherford, George Nicolsoun; Stirling, Johnne Scherare; Glasgow, James Inglis; Lynlythgow, James Glen; Sanctandros, Symeon Greg; Air, Johnne Stewart;

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Dysart, Daud Simpoun ; Haddingtoun, Johne Vallance ; Kirkcaldie, James Law ; Montrose, Maister Williame Ramsaye ; Coupar, Robert Petersoun ; Anstruther Eister, Henrie Moreis ; Dumfreis, Johnne Corsane ; Innernes, Maister Johne Ros ; Bruntyland, William Miklejohnne ; Innerkething, Williame Blackburne ; Kinghorne, Maister Robert Cuninghame ; Brichen, Johnne Norie ; Elgyne, William Leslie ; Jedburgh, Alexander Wishert ; Dumfermeling, Robert Aitkyne ; Lanerick, Gawin Blair ; Peibles, Johnne Diksoun ; Craill, Allane Cuninghame ; Selkirk, Williame Mitchelhill ; Bamff, George Scheirwood ; Forres, Airthour Forbeis ; Culane, James Lawtie ; Irwing, Tayne, Anstruther Wester, Quhithorne, Forfar, Rothesay and Annand be exemptioun and ratificatioun product be agent ; Abirbrothok, [the same] be Muntrose ; Northberuick [the same] be Haddingtoun ; Nairne, be exemptioun ; Kirkcudbright, Wigtoun, Pettinweyme, Dunbartane, Ramfrow, Culros, Dumbar, Rutherglen, Lauder, Kilranie, Lochmabene, and Sanchare, (blank).

Moderator
electit.

1. Maister David Rutherford, first in commission for Aberdein, elected moderator.

Hours of
meitting.

2. Hours of meeting and regulations as to attendance, speaking and voting, same as last year.

Citatioun
verefiet.

3. The commissioner of Aberdein verified the citation of the burghs.

Jedburgh,
vnlawit.

4. Forsamikle as the burgh of Jedburgh haiffing electit Alexander Wishert, officer of airmes, to be thair commissioner during this present conventioun, contrare to the actes of borrowis maid anent electioun of commissioneris, he not being of the qualitie contenit in the saids actes, thairfore the saids commissioneris of borrowis findis theme to haif dovne wrang, and vnlawis thame in the soume of tuentie pundis ; as also findis theme to be absent, and thairfore vnlawis theme in the soume of vther xx li, quhilk they ordayne thair agent to vplift and to be comptabill thairof to the borrowis and to be chairgit thairwith in his comptes.

Outland bur-
gessis, fore-
stalleris, re-
graitteris,
missiwe.

5. Ordanis ilk burgh to produce in writt to the nixt generall conventioun mair exact diligence in restraining thair outland burgessis, fore-stalleris, regratteris, sailleris without tickettis, and vnfriemen vsurping thair liberties, vnder the payne of tuentie pundis ilk burgh.

Dundie, Had-
dington,
diligence,
missiwe.

6. Ordained that the burghs of Haddingtoun, Dundie, and Wigtoun produce their diligence in causing certain alleged burgesses make actual residence within their burghs.

7. Anent the 12th act of last general convention, the commissioners find the burgh of Perth to have done no diligence, having elected Lord Scune provost, but in "houp of amendement" continued the uplifting of the unlaws till next convention and ordained the burgh to comply with the acts in future.

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3 July 1621.
Perth.

8. For obedience of the 45th act of last general convention, the commissioner of Stirling produced the form of election of magistrates at Michaelmas last, with which the commissioners were satisfied.

Stirling,
election,
magistrats.

9. Anent the 17 act of last general conventioun . comperit George Nicolsoun, commissioner for the burgh of Abirdein, and producit ane decreit obtenit before the lordis of his Majesties secreit counsall, at the instance of the proveist, baillies, counsall, communitie, and inhabitantis of the burghis of this kingdome hanting the saids faires against the said Lord Forbas, Johne Gordoun of Newtoun and Johnne Leith of Hairthill, dischairging theme of the said exorbitant customes vpliftit be theme of before, bott onlie to vplift the custome and dewtye vnderwrittin, contenit in the said decreit, quhilk thai ordayne to be ane constant custome in all tyme cuming of the saids mercattis, viz., for ane gritt wob of cloath or plaiding, aucht pennyes ; and for les wobbis, sex pennyes or four pennyes ; for ane hors laid of quhatsumeir graith, commoditie, or geir, aucht pennyes ; for euerie fute of length of ane merchand stand, tua pennyes ; for euerie chopmanes pak or burden of geir, four pennyes ; for euerie seck of wool aucht penneys ; for euerie kow, ox, and hors, four pennyes ; for euerie sheip, tua pennyes ; and euerie lamb, a pennye ; and that this custome for the hors, ky, oxin, and sheip, be onlie payit at thair cuming in to the mercattis ; for euerie daiker or hors laid of hyids, aucht penneys ; for euerie cordineris stand for shoone, four pennyes ; and for euerie tent or pauillyeoun for selling of meitt and drink, ane quart of aill or the pryce thair of ; as also ordaining theme to suffer and permitt the saids persewars to haunt and frequent the saids mercattis with thair commodities and waires for payment of the said custome allanerlie and na farder, as the said decreit, of the dait at Edinburgh the first day of Merche last bypast, at mair length beires ; quhilk the saids borrowis acceptis for diligence and ordanis the agent to extract ane vther of the said decreit and to delyver the same to thair clerk to be kept to the vse of the borrowis.

Customes,
fares, St Serff,
St Bartle, and
St Laurence.

ABERDEEN.
4 July 1621.

4 July 1621.

Factouris in
Fraunce,
missiwe.

10. Anent the 14 act of last general conventioun, . . . the saids commissioners of borrowis findis meitt that the saids factoris be acquaintit herewith and desyrit that, as thay tender the wealfair of tred and wald desyre the continuance thair of with theme, that thay wald tak such ordour heiranent that the saids merchandis may be easit of thair saids iust grivances and incuraged to continew with theme in thair said tred; and to this effect ordanis thair generall clerk to wryte to theme, in thair names, to the effect foresaid, quheranent thir presents salbe his warrand; and ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to haif ane cair heirof and to report the saids factouris ansuer heirof to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Cunninghame,
comptes.

11. Anent the 4th act of last general convention, the accounts of Thomas Cuninghame, factor in Campheir, were produced by his son. His intromissions with the impost from 6 April 1620 to 16 April 1621 extended to £163, 6s, 11½d. gritt, whereof he had paid to the minister £133, 6s. 8d., to the reader £16, 13s. 4d., and to the keeper of the kirk £12, extending in all to £162, leaving in the collector's hands £1, 6s. 2½d. gritt. The commissioners discharged Cunningham of his whole intromissions with the impost.

Elements, com-
munion,
factouris col-
lectour.

12. The commissioneris of borrowis, vnderstanding be Thomas Cuninghame, factor in Campheir, and laitt collector of the impost grantit for defraying of the ministers stipend, that the factouris thair, notwithstanding of the act of borrowis maid at Stirling the [fifth] day of Julij last, ordaining the elements of the communioun to be furnischit vpon the common expenssis of the hail factouris, had not furnischit the samin, bott that the said collector had had the burdein in furnissing thair of since the verie first plantatioun of ane minister amongs theme, extending to the soume of ten pundis ten schillings gritt, Fleymes money, thairfore the saids commissioneris of borrowis, considdering that the saids factouris does enjoy the special comfort of ane minister ther, ordanis the conservator deputt to convein the saids factouris before him and caus ilk ane of theme, according to thair avall, refund the said soume to the said collector and to putt the said act to executioun in all tyme cuming; and to this effect ordanis thair clerk to wrytt to the said conservatour deputt in thair names willing him to putt the same to executioun.

13. Anent the 13 act of the last generall conventioun of borrowis, haldin at the burgh of Stirling the saxt day of Julij last, comperit Johnne Byris and Williame Nemock, commissioners for the burgh of Edinburgh, and declairit thatt according to the commissioun gevin to theme for plantation of ane clerk at Campheir, vacand throw deceis of vmquhill Neill Kae, laitt clerk to the conservatour thair, and for electing of ane new collector of the impost grantit for the ministers stipend, vacand be Thomas Cuninghame overgeving of the samin, and for plantatioun of ane reider in the kirk, also vacand be Thomas Ewyng his dimissioun of the same at the last generall conventioun haldin at Stirling, and declairit that thai haiveing experience of the qualificatioun of James Lennox had nominat and electit the said James to the saids offices; thairfore the saids commissioneris of borrowis ratifies and appreis thair proceeding thairintill, and ordanis the soume of ane hundreth guidlings, Fleames money, grantit be thame to the reader of the said kirk to be allowit to him for thair pairt of the said fiall, to be vpliftit of the superplus of the ministers stipend, as also my lord conservator to ansuere him of the soume of ane vther hundreth guidlings grantit be him for collecting of his dewtyes, as ane act of borrowis, vnder his subscriptioun, of the daitt at Kirkcaldie the aucht of Julij 1614, beires; and ordanis the said James to collect and ingather the said impost appointit for defraying of the ministers stipend, and to present yeirlie at ilk generall conventioun of borrowis his comptes of his intromissioun thairwith, beginning at the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, contening the tymes and qualitis of his ressaittis and the names of the shippis and borrowis to quhom the saids shippis doeth belong, with the particular dewtyes payit be the factors for thair pairt of the said stipend; and also to obserue and keip all sic iniunctiounes as hes bein gevin to Thomas Ewyng, or sic vtheris as sall pleis the borrowis to injoyin to him; and this to indure during the borrowis will allanerlie; and ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to wrytt to the said James, willing him in thair naymes to be cairfull and diligent in his said offices and for reporting of his comptes to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

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Lennox, clerk
at Campheir,
missiwe.

14. The Commissioners referred to those of their number appointed to meet at Edinburgh in the ensuing parliament the consideration of the great hurt sustained by the burghs "through the grit and daylie increas of the burghis of baronie vsurping thair liberties, to thair ruine and overthrow." These commission-

Commissio frie
burghis and
burghis of bar-
onie, missiwe.

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2 July 1621.

Factouris,
Campheir, mis-
siwe.

Munros, Beat-
tie, vnlawit,
missiwe.

Aberdein,
Laynge, mis-
siwe.

Paice, breid,
missiwe.
Kirkcudbrycht
commoun
lands, missiwe,
vnlawit
chaarge, agent.

ers were appointed to meet at Edinburgh on 18th inst., "before the said parliament," with the full powers of the convention.

15. Ordained the conservatour to do farther diligence in the matter referred to in the 7th act of last general convention, and to report to next convention.

16. Anent the aucht act of the last generall conventioun, . . . comperit the commissioner of the burgh of Muntros and declairit that the said Johnne Ramsay was depairtit this lyiff, and exhibite before theme the said Robert Beattie who comperit, confessit that he had doone wrong in transporting of certan staiple waires by the staiple port, and thairfore refferit himself in thair willis. The saids commissioneris of borrowis, being ryiplie aduysit, vnlawis the said Robert in the soume of ane hundreth pundis, and ordanis the agent to vplift the same; and als ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to wryte to Campheir thair proceedings therintill and to show thair cair to keip the said contract and to punish all such as sall transgres according as thai sall gett notice thairof, and to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

17. Anent the 15 act of the last generall conventioun, . . . comperit the commissioner of the burgh of Abirdein and declairit that thai had convent the said William before theme, and not finding anie sufficient grund quherby they nicht haif proceidit against him, had refferit the samin to the tryell of this present commissioneris of borrowis, and thairfore causit warno the said William to compeir before theme at this present conventioun; lyik as, the said William comperand denyet that he had euir ressaut anie soumes of money in maner alledgit frome the saids Parris-ianes or Jeswittes, and thairfore continewis the said mater to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis quhill thai be better informit; and ordanis the burgh of Abirdein to tak farder tryell heiranent according as they sall find the said William giltie of the accusatioun foresaid to caus wairne him or find caution to compeir before theme the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, and the said burgh to report thair diligence heiranent to the said nixt conventioun.

18. Renewed the 18th act of last general convention.

19. For not producing a rental in terms of the 22d act of last general convention, the burgh of Kirkcudbrycht unlawed in £20, and ordained to present a

rental to next convention under the pain of £100, and to produce such diligence against deprived burgesses as they were required to do by the 31st act of last convention. ABERDEEN,
4 July 1621.

20. The saids commissioneris of borrowis findis the burgh of Culane to haif vsit no diligence anent the heides committit to theme, mentionat in the 27 act of the last generall conventioun of borrowis haldin at the burgh of Stirling in Julij last, and thairfore to haif incurrit the said vnlaw contenit in the said act, and yit at requeist of George Douglas, thair minister, and vpone houp of sum farder amendement, they dispens thairwith at this tyme, and as of before ordanis the said burgh of Culane to produce to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis the forme of the electioun of thair magistrattis, counsall, and vthers officeris vsit be theme at Michaelmes last, and to proceed thairintill conforme to the actes of parliament and borrowis; as lykwayis to produce ane perfytt rentall of thair commoun guid and commoun landis, togidder with thair diligence in rousing, imploying, and putting of the same to the hiest avail; as also to produce the forme of the setting furth of the saids commoun landis, the persounes naymes setters thairof, together with thair naimes to quhome the saids landis wer sett, and for quhat dewtie, together with the principall chairtour of the samin landis; and last to produce thair diligence in repairing of thair tolbuith and commoun streittes, vnder the payne of ane hundreth pundis.

Culane, election, magistrattis, commoun landis, missiwe.

21. The accounts of Chairles Geddes and his partners not having been produced, as required by the 23d act of last general convention, the agent was instructed to warn them to present them to next convention.

Geddes, reid hering, missiwe.

22. The saids commissioneris of borrowis, vnderstanding the grit hurt sustenit be the frie royall borrowis of this kingdome be ane grit number of forestalleris forstalling thair guides before euir the samen be presentit to the mercat, sua that the mercattis are grittumelie diminischit, for remeid quherof they ordane ilk burgh within theme selffis to caus punisch sic of thair inhabitants as sall forstall anie of the saids mercattis according as thai sall gett notice of theme, and ordanis ilk burgh to intimat the samin to thair burgh at thair homecuming and to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis in putting of the same to executioun, vnder the paines of xx li. ilk burgh.

Forestallers, mercattis, missiwe.

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5 July 1621.

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Complaint,
Munros, Edin-
burgh, missiwe.

Peibles, ren-
tall, common
landis and com-
moun guid,
agent, roup-
ing, missiwe.

Supplicatioun,
Dumfreis,
missiwe.

Forret,
comptes, mis-
siwe.

Weymis, her-
barie, missiwe.

Cunninghame,
factor.

Porterfeild,
factor.

Consergerie
hous, Eliza-
beth Cant,
continewit.

23. The Commissioners continued till the convention to be held on the 18th instant the question referred to in the 40th act of last general convention.

24. Anent the 31st act of last general convention, the commissioner of Peibles produced a rental of their common lands and common goods, with an account of the employment thereof, which the commissioners accept for diligence at this time. The ordinance of last year was renewed, "and ordanis thair agent to concur and assist with theme at the roup-ing of thair common guid and common landis."

25. Answer to the supplication of Dumfreis, craving help for repair of their bridge was continued "till the said brig be visited," and the burghs ordained to send their commissioners to next convention instructed as mentioned in the 44th "act of last general convention."

26. Anent the 29th act of last general convention, Andro Forret produced his accounts, which being seen the commissioners found him "not to haif vsit full diligence therin," and they remitted to the commissioners appointed to meet on 18th inst., the "supplicatioun gevin in be him for thair help for reparatioun of his decayit estait and paines taiken be him in obtening of the saids letteres patents."

27. Anent the missiwe bill direct be the laird of Weyms to the burrowis craiveing thair ayd for building of ane herbarie at the toun of Weyms alreidy intendit be him, ordanis the burghis of Dysart, Kirkcaldie, Dundie, Sanct Androes, Anstruther Eister, Kinghorne and Dumfermeling to meitt and conveyne at the said burgh of Dysart the first day of Maij nixt and to visit the said worke, and to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, and ilk burgh to send thair commissioner sufficientlie instructit to the said nixt generall conventioun of borrowis to geve ansuer to the said desyre.

28. The commissioners agreed to the admission of Thomas Cunninghame, son to Thomas Cunninghame, factor at Campheir, to be factor at the said town during their pleasure.

29. The commissioners agreed to the admission of David Porterfeild, son to vmquhile Johnne Porterfeild, merchant, burgess of Edinburgh, to be factor at the town of Campheir.

30. Anent the supplicatioun gevin in be Elizabeth Cant, relict of vmquhill Johnne Porterfeild, late maister and kiper of the consergerie hous at Campheir, craiveing, inrespect of the grit chairges bestowit be hir

and hir said vmquhill spous in plenissing of the said hous, to be continewit in the said office, the saids commissioners of borrowis, vnderstanding of the guid behavior of the said Elizabeth and of hir abilitie to dischaarge her dewtye in the said plaice, as hes bene fund by experience since the deceis of hir said vmquhill husband, thairfore they continew hir in the said office during thair will, and ordanis hir to be keiper of the said hous and to be ansuerit of all thinges belonging thairto conforme to the contract betuixt theme and the toun of Campheir.

ABERDEEN.
5 July 1621.

Consergerie
hous, Elysea-
beth Cant,
continewit.

31. Anent the supplicatioun gevin in be Robert Ramsay, merchand, burges of Abirdein, showing that forsamikle as he in the moneth of May 1620, being in the toun of Campheir, left with Hector Patersoun, factor thair, ane pak of plaids to haif bene sauld be him to his behoofe as the mercat reulit; and the said Hector haiffand keipit besyid him vnsauld till the moneth of Maij last, quherfore he gaive commissioun to ane nichtbour quho was bound to Flanders to ressaive the saids plaids fra the said Hector and to sell the samin, lyik as, he arryving at the said port of Campheir ressaut the saids plaids fra the said Hector and maid sell thairrof, notwithstanding quherof the said Hector causit the said nichtbour pay to him factor fie for selling of the saids plaids, quherby he was burdenit with double factor fie, and thairfore desyrit thair Lordships resolutioun giff he was subject to pay to the said Hector anie factor fie, seing he had not sauld the samin, and giff he was not subject thairto to caus the said Hector refund the samin agayne to him, as his supplicatioun gevin in be him theranent at mair length beires; the saids commissioneris of borrowis findis and declaires that no factor aucht to haif anie factor fie for anie guids not sauld be him, and thairfore ordanis the conservatour and his deputtis to conveyne the said Hector before thame, and incaice thai find the said Hector to haif ressaut the factor fie and not to haif sauld the saids guides as is alledgit to caus him refund the same bak agane to the said supplicant; and ordanis thair clerk in thair names to wrytt to the conservator deput for that effect, quhairanent thir presents salbe his warrand.

Complaint,
Ramsay contra
Patersoun.

32. The saids commissioners of borrowis, for diuers caussis mooving Jedburgh, theme, remittis to the burgh of Jedburgh the vnlawis incurrit be theme for directing of William Wishert to be thair commissioner and being absent fra this conventioun.

missiwe.

ABERDEEN.
5 July 1621.
Makcartnay,
missiwe.

33. The saids commissioneris of borrowis, considdering the guid and thankfull seruice doone be Alexander Makcartnay, seruitor to maister Alexander Guthrie, to theme in thair commoun effaires, thairfore they agrie, and consentis that the said Alexander sall haif yeirlic the soume of threttie pundis to be payit to him be the borrowis according to the extent roll, and ordanis ilk burgh to send thair pairt thair of to ilk generall conventioun conforme to the said extent roll, and this to indure during the good will and pleasour of the saids borrowis allanerlie, and this to be ane heid of the missiwe ; and begin the first yeires payment thair of presentlie, and ordanis the agent to pay to him the samin.

Beattie, vnlaw
remitit.

34. Anent the supplicatioun gevin in be Robert Beattie, merchand, burges of Munros, craiveing that forsamikle as thair lordships had decernit him in the soume of ane hundreth pundis for transporting of certan staiple waires to Rotterdam in Holland by the staiple port, quhilk he alledgis was doone be his sonne vpone meir ignorance, contrare to the commissioun gevin to him theranent, and thairfore craiveing the said vnlaw to be remittit, as at mair length is contenit in the supplicatioun gevin in thairanent ; the saids commissioners of borrowis, for diuers guid caussis and consideratiounes mooving theme, and vpon houp the said Robert sall not committ the lyik oversicht in tynecuming, remittis the said vnlaw incurrit be him and dischairges thair agent frome vplifting of the said vnlaw.

Commissio,
borrowis,
Edinburgh,
missiwe.

35. The saids commissioners of borrowis gevis thair full powar and commissioun to the borrowis that is to meitt at Edinburgh the auchtein day of this instant to treat, ressoun, and conclud vpon the heids following, viz., to agrie with maister Johne Archibald anent sum satled and vni-forme ordour of the excyse hering vplifted be him frome the merchandis fishing in the Yles and West Seyis, and sic lyik for ordour taiking anent the insufficiencie of plaiding, and als anent the 26 act of the last generall conventioun of borrowis referrit to this present conventioun ; with powar to theme to doc in the saids maters as thai sall think best for the weill of the borrowis.

Supplicatioun,
Inuerkething,
missiwe.

36. Anent the supplicatioun gevin in be the burgh of Inuerkething for help to the reparatioun of thair decayit brig and calsayis, the saids commissioners of borrowis ordanis ilk burgh to send thair commissioner sufficientlie instructit to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis to geve ansuer thairto.

37. The commissioners granted licence to the following burghs to abide from general conventions on the usual conditions, viz., Banff and Forres from conventions south of Tay for three years and Selkirk and Nairne for three years.

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5 July 1621.
Exemptiounes.

38. The saids commissioners of borrowis vnlawis the burghis of Wigtoun, Pettinweyme, Dumbartan, Ramfrow, Culros, Dumbar, Rutherglen, and ilk ane of theme in the soume of tuentie pundis for being absent fra this present conventioun.

Wigtoun, etc.,
vnlawit.

39. The saids commissioners of borrowis vnlawis the burghis of Pettinweyme, Sanquhar, Culros, and Dumbar, and ilk ane of theme, in the soume of tuentie pundis for not sending of thair pairt of the feyis dew to be payit be theme conforme to the missiwe.

Pettinweyme,
etc., vnlawit.

6 July 1621.

40. The commissioneris of borrowis beand convenit, recensing the grit hurtis sustenit be the haill merchandis by ressoun of the insufficiencie of the paking and peilling of hering, for remeid quherof it is statut and ordanit that all persounes that sall heirefter intend to goe to the fishing or to outreik ships, barkis, or crearis and mak vther furnishing for the said fishing, that they provyid sic sufficient quantitie of salt as sall pak as manie fishes as may laid thair haill shippis, barkis, or crearis, and for this effect sall repair to the magistrattis of the burghis from whence thair said ships, barks, or crears salhappin to be frauchtit to pas to the said fishing, and mak knawin to theme quhat quantitie of salt they doe carie with theme to the said fishing, and that in caice thai salbe fund not to haif sufficient quantitie of salt, in that caice the magistrattis sall caus stay thair saids shippis, barkis, or crearis vntill such tyme as thai shall find theme sufficientlie provydit; and farder, it is statut and ordanit that na fishers at the said tak sall mix peillit hering with pakkit hering, and incaice it salbe fund at thair homecuming that thai haif causit pickill rin out of the saids barrellis for inputting of ane gritter number of fishes, in that caice the skipper salbe subject to pay to the merchandis awneris the pryce of the hering sa spilt by him or anie of his cumpanie; and that euerie burgh sall mak intimatioun to thair inhabitants at thair homecuming of this

Paking and
peilling of her-
ing, missiwe.

ABERDEEN.
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present statut that nane pretend ignorance, and that thai putt the same to dew executioun, vnder the payne of ane hundreth pundis ilk burgh to be payit to the borrowis, and report thair diligence theranent to the nixt conventioun. And becaus that in tymes bypast the insufficiencie and vnloyall pakking of the said hering hes grittumelie dampnifiet the haille merchandis, tredders with fishes, not onlie in the saids waires bot also in thair credeit and fame, thairfore remittis to be reasonit be the commissioneris of borrowis to be convenit at Edinburgh the auchtein day of this instant, with powar to theme to provyid for remeid thairof and to doe therin quhat thai sall find best for the weill of the said tred, to quhome thai give thair full powar and commissioun, promesing to abyid at quhat thai sall doe therin. And becaus that the barrellis in tyme bypast hes bene fund to be vnsufficient, thairfore ordanis ilk burgh to putt to executioun the act of borrowis maid at Edinburgh the 12 day of Julij 1616 anent the forme of the saids barrellis, and that thai conforme theme selffis to the forme prescryuit in the said act, vnder the paynis contenit thairin, and to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, vnder the payne of fourtie pundis ilk burgh; and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiwe, and ordains Johne Nisbett, generall jadger, to be present at the said meitting.

Complaint,
Dumfries,
contra Sanqu-
hair, missiwe.

41. Anent the complaint gevin in be the burgh of Dumfries contra the burgh of Sanquhar for admitting, daylie, burgessis sic as wobsters, cordineris, wakers, and vtheris of the lyik tred and occupatioun, duelling outwith thair burgh, and in taking of ane littill soume of money for the samin, to the grit preiudice of the nixt adjacent burgh of Dumfries, thairfore thai ordane the burgh of Sanquhar to direct thair commissioner to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis sufficientlie instructit to ansuer to the said complent.

Dischairgo
Speir.

42. Thomas Speir acknowledged the receipt of £200 granted to him by the 35th act of the last general convention.

Anstruther
Eister,

43. The commissioner of Anstruther Eister acknowledged the receipt and discharged the burghs of £400 granted for repair of their harbour.

Molliesoun.
Support.

44. Ordained that Mr Thomas Molliesoun be paid £20 for directing the missives this year.

45. Ordained that each burgh send to next general convention their part of ^{ABERDEEN.} £200 granted last year to the burgh of Anstruther Wester to repair their ^{6 July 1821.} harbour.
46. Mr Robert Wynrahame agent produced his accounts, extending to ^{Anstruther} £333, 6s. 8d, and the commissioners ordained each burgh to send their share to ^{Wester.} next general convention. ^{Winrahame,}
^{agent, missiwe.}
47. Dissolved the present general convention and appointed the next to be ^{Next conven-} held at Dumfries, beginning on 2d July 1622. ^{tion.}

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

18 July 1621.

Edinburgh, Alexander Clerk, George Foullis; Perth, Andro Gray; ^{EDINBURGH.} Dundie, Maister Williame Fergusson; Abirdein, Maister David Ruther- ^{18 July 1621.} fuird; Stirling, Duncan Patersoun; Lynlythgow, Andro Bell; Sanct-androes, Hendrie Airthour; Glasgow, James Inglis; Air, Hew Kennedy; Dysart, David Simpsoun; Haddington, Maister James Cokburne; Kirk-caldie, James Law; Montrose, William Ramsay; Couper, Robert Pater-soun; Anstruther Eister, Robert Merser; Dumfries, Johnne Corsane; Innernes, Maister Johnne Ros; Bruntlyland, Williame Miklejohnne; Innerkeithing, Williame Blaikburne; Kinghorne, Maister Robert Cuning-hame; Brichen, David Lindesay; Irrwyng, Robert Broun; Elgyne, Maister Johnne Hay; Jedburgh, Maister Johnne Rutherfuird; Kirkeud-bright, David Arnote; Wigtoun, Johnne Turner; Pettinweyne, Walter Airth; Dumfermeling, Maister Thomas Wardlaw; Dumbartane, Thomas Fallisdaill; Ramfrew, William Somnervell; Lanirick, Gawin Blair; Peibles, Johnne Diksoun; Craill, Allane Cuninghame; Thayne, Hector Douglas; Selkirk, Williame Elliott; Anstruther Wester, Robert Richard-soun; Culrose, Sir George Bruce; Dumbar, George Purves; Bamff, Maister Alexander Craig; Forfar, Maister David Persoun; Rothesay, Mathow Spens; Forres, Williame Forsyth; Rutherglen, Johnne Pinckartoun; Northberuick, George Baillie; Lauder, Chairles Murray; Kilranie, Normand Leslie; Annand, David Myller; Sancher, Michael

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Cuninghame; Abirbrothok, Quhithorne, Culane, Nairne and Lochmaben
(*blank*).

Moderator.

1. Alexander Clerk, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

23 July 1621.

2. The quhilk day, the saids commissioners of borrowis beand convenit.¹

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

31 January 1622.

EDINBURGH.
31 January
1622.

Edinburgh, Johnne Byres, William Carnegie; Dundye, Robert Clayhillis; Abirdein, Maister Thomas Johnnestoun; Glasgow, Gabriell Cuninghame; Air, Johnne Osburne; Wigtoun, Johnne Turner; Montrose, Johnne Taelyeour; Elgyne (*blank*).

Moderator.

1. Johnne Byres, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

1 February 1622.

Abused plaid-
ing, cairnsayes,
missive.

2. The saids commissioneris of borrowis, being conveynit before the lordis of his Majesties privie counsell, for giving of thair best opinioun for reforming of the deceat croppin in of late in the making and working of plaiding and cairnsays, and anent the ressouns sent down be his Majestie, and they haifing declairit to the saids lordis that they had convenit and mett vpoun that mater, and considering that the same did concerne the haill borrowis, of whiche they wer but ane few number presentlie conveynit, they could not tak vpoun theme to give anie advyse or midle thairin without consent of the haill borrowis, and thairfore desyrit the said mater to be continewit to the nixt conventioun of borrowis to be haldin at the burgh of Dumfreis in

¹ In the original record a blank of about two pages is left.

Julij nixt, promising to caus the said mater to be proponit to the commissioneris of borrowis thair to be assemblit; the which desyre and petitoun the saids lordis fand ressonable, and thairfore continewit the said mater to Tysday fourtein dayes efter the first meitting of the said conventioun. Thairfore the present commissioneris of borrowis ordanis thair clerk to remember the same in thair generall missiwe, and that ilk burgh be requyrit to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructit for deliberatting and concluding anent the said mater, togither with thair best advyse anent the reforming of the saids abusses, togither also with thair best opinioun anent the articles alredy proponit and sent down to the saids lordis of his Majesties privie counsall, vnder the payne of tuentie pundis ilk burgh.

EDINBURGH.
1 February
1622.

Abused plaid-
ings, cairsayes,
missive.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at DUMFRIES.*

2 July 1622.

Edinburgh, Johnne Macknacht, Williame Nemock; Perth, Andro Wilsoun, m.; Dundye, Maister Williame Fergusson, baillie; Abirdein, Paull Meinzeis, baillie; Stirling, Johnne Sherar; Lynlythgow, Robert Ker; Glasgow, Gabriell Cuninghame; Sanctandroes, James Watsoun, m.; Air, James Blair; Dysart, Alexander Simpsoun; Hadingtoun, Patrik Broun; Kirkcaldie, Alexander Law; Montrose, Johnne Mylne; Anstruther Eister, Hendrie Moreis; Dumfreis, Fraunces Irwing; Bruntyland, Maister Andro Wilsoun; Innerkeithing, Williame Blackburne; Kinghorne, Walter Duncane; Irwin, Allane Dunlop; Jedburgh, Alexander Kirkcudbright, Alexander Meikle; Wigtoun, Johnne Turner; Dumbartane, Robert Campbell; Lanerik, James Gray; Peibles, Williame Elliott; Culros, Robert Forrett; Dumbar, George Purves; Quhithorne, Halbert Quhytheid; Rutherglen, Thomas Wilkein; Lauder, Mark Sandersoun; Annand, Maister Symeon Wyld; Lochmabene, Williame Maxwell; Sanchare, Johnne Carmichaell; Elgyne, Anstruther Wester, Bamff, Forfar, Rothesay, Forres, Northberuick and Kilranie, exemptioun and ratificatioun producit be agent; Abirbrothok,

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[the same] be Montrose; Dumfermeling, ratificatioun productit be agent; Selkirk, exemptioun productit be Dumbar; Couper, Innernes, Brichane, Pettinweyme, Ramfrew, Craill, Thayne, Culane and Nairne (*blank*).

Citatioun
verifiēt.
Moderator.
Houres of
meitting.
Outland bur-
gessis, etc.
Munros, Dum-
freis.

1. The commissioner of Dumfreis verified the citation of the burghs.
2. Johnne Corsane, first in commission for Dumfreis, elected moderator.
3. Hours of meeting and regulations as to attendance, speaking, and voting, same as last year.

Dundye,
Wigtoun.

4. Act passed in terms similar to the 5th act of last general convention.
5. The commissioners of Munros and Dumfreis produced acts of court depriving certain outland burgesses of the liberties of these burghs, with which the commissioners were satisfied. Ordained that caution be found that the persons deprived desist from trading, and that diligence be produced to next convention.
6. Ordained that the burghs of Dundie and Wigtoun produce to next general convention better diligence in causing certain persons to reside in their burghs or in depriving them of their liberties.

Haddingtoun
vnlawit.

7. The burgh of Haddington unlawed in £40 for not producing diligence as required by the 6th act of last general convention, and, as formerly, ordained to produce diligence to next convention.

3 July 1622.

Statute, fisch-
ing, missiwe.

8. The commissioners of borrowis beand convenit anent the fourt act of the last generall conventioun of borrowis, haldin at the burgh of Abirdein the saxt day of Julij 1621 yeirs, the saids commissioners of borrowis, recensing the grit hurt sustenit be the hail merchant traffickers with fisches, not onlie in the insufficiencie and vnloyall pakking and peilling of thair fisches, bot also in the insufficiencie of the barrellis and measures, as also in thair credeit and fayme without the cuntrey in all plaices quhair they doe traid, and considering the merchandis does mete the saids damages pairtlie in defalt of the coupers not making thair barrellis according to the ordour prescryuit and sett down in the act of borrowis maid at Edinburgh the 12 of Julij 1616, pairtlie in defalt of the maisteris and mariners takers of the said hering in not transporting with theme to the fisching such sufficient quantitie of salt as may serue such quantitie of fisches as may laidin thair hail ships,

barks, or crears, as lykwayes in defalt of the saids maisteris and mariners in not sufficient pakking of the said fisches at the said tak. And haiving considerit the best meanes quhairby the saids hurtis may be taiken away and the lyik dainger tymouslie prevented, hes thairfore statut and ordanit, and be thir presentis statuttis and ordanis that the forme of barrell prescryuit in the said act maid at Edinburgh in Julij 1616 be in all tyme cuming amongs the haill borrowis preceislie keipit and obseruit, and that the magistrattis quhair the coupers makers of the saids barrellis duellis sie the same put to executioun, vnder the payne of fourtie pundis; and that nane within the bounds of thair liberties mak anie vther barrellis of anie vther forme or fashioun bot conforme to the fashioun of the barrell prescryuit in the said act, vnder the paines conteynit thairin. And farder, to the end that the fischers and takers of the saids fisches may be sufficientlie provydit of sufficient quantitie of salt for pakking and making of the hering and fisches at the plaices quhair they are takin, statuttis and ordanis that all personnes that heirefter sall intend to goe to the fisching, or to outreik anie schips, barkis, or crears, and mak vther furneisching for the said fisching, that thai provyid and carie with thame to the said fisching such sufficient quantitie of salt as salbe abill to pak as manie fisches as may laidin thair haill schips, barks, and crears, contening to eureie tuelff barrellis of fisches fyve barrellis of hard pakkit salt; and for this effect the saids persounes sall repair to the magistrattis of the burghis frome whence the saids schips, barkis, or crears ar frauchtit to pas to the said fisching and mak knawn to theme the birth of thair schips, barkis, and crears, with quhat quantitie of salt thai carie with theme for thair furneissing; and in caice anie maister or skipper sall pas away to the said fisching and not geve up to the magistrattis the quantitie of thair said salt, they sall pay to the burgh frome whence thai ar frauchtit the soume of tuentie pundis; and in caice it salbe fund at thair returne they haif not caryed with theme the quantitie of salt abonewrittin, or the fisches in his defalt to be spilt and becum insufficient merchandice, ordanis the said maister and skipper to pay ane vnlaw of ane hundreth pundis to the borrowis quhair thai ar apprehendit; and farder, for better avoyding of the said insufficient and vnloyall pakking of hering, whairin the haill merchandis of this kingdome ar so grittumlie dampnifiet, both in thair goodes and fame, statuttis and

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Statute, fisch-
ing, missiwo.

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3 July 1622.

Statute, fisch-
ing, missiwe.

ordanis that in caice anie fisches taking at the said fisching at thair homecuming salbe spilt be the skippers or anie of his cumpanie be causing the pikkill rin out of the saids barrellis for inputting of gritter number of fisches, in that caice not onlie the skipper bot also the peilled hering salbe subject to the refounding to the merchands, awners of the saids fisches, thair haill hurt and damage for the saids fisches sa spilt by the said skipper or anie of his cumpanie. As also statuttis and ordanis that na peilled hering salbe mixed with pakkit hering, and that the said peilled hering being pakkit salbe markit be the magistrattis quhair thai ar pakkit with the burnning yrne of the toun and the lettre P; and that nane tak vpone hand to laidin anie of the said peilled hering vnmakit, vnder the payne of threttein pundis sax s. viij d. to be payit be the awner of the said hering of euerie last to the burgh quhair thai ar apprehendit. And ordanis ilk burgh at thair homecuming to mak intimation to thair inhabitantis of this present statut, that nane pretend ignorance, and that thai put the same to dew executioun in all the heids and claussis thair of within the haill bounds of thair liberties, and who salbe fund remiss and negligent in putting the same to executioun, or anie pairt thair of, they ordayne thame to incur ane vnlaw of fourtie pundis to be payit to the borrowis; and in speciall ordanis the burghis of Edinburgh, Dundie, Air, Glasgow, Anstruther Eister and Wester, Sanct Androes, Dysart, Kirkcaldie, Bruntlyland, Kinghorne, Craill, Kilranie, Dumbar, Pettinveyne, Montrose and Ramfrew to report thair diligence in writt in keiping of this statut and putting of the same to executioun, vnder the payne of fourtie pundis ilk burgh.

Act, staiple
waires trans-
ported by the
staiple port,
conservatour,
certane
borrowis,
missiwe.

9. The saids commissioneris of borrowis, vnderstanding be the lettre direct frome James Lennox, conservatour clerk in Campheir, as also by ane vther lettre direct frome my lord conservatour to the present commissioneris of borrowis, that ane grit number of merchandis and maisteris does transport staiple waires by the staiple port to vther portis in Flanders, to the grit hurt of vther merchandis, tredders thither, and brek of the contract betuixt the borrowis and the toun of Campheir, and being informit of thair particular names, for remeid quhair of ordanis the [burghs of Dysart, Montrose, Aberdein, Bruntlyland, Edinburgh, and Kirkcaldie to cause certain of their burgesses to appear before next convention to answer for transporting staple wares past the staple port and not paying the con-

servator's dues] As als ordanis the agent to tak tryell of Johnne Gib, George Dauling in Borrowstouness, and Robert Hill in the Quenisferrie, wha war thair marchands frauchters, and give informatioun thair of to the toun of Edinburgh that they may tak such ordour with theme that thai may be compellit to compeir before the saids commissioners the said nixt conventioun.

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3 July 1622.
Act, staple
waires.

10. The saids commissioners of borrowis, vnderstanding that notwithstanding of diuers actes of borrowis inhibiting the factouris of Campheir from tredding and vsing of merchandice to thair owne behoove, and recensing the grit hurt sustenit be the merchands, trafficquers thair, thairby, for avoyding of such lyik inconveniences in tymes cuming, and farder declaratioun of thair former statuttis, findis and declares that the saids factouris aucht and sould content themeselffis with thair office of factorie allanerlie; and thairfore of new ordanis theme to desist and ceis frome all bying or selling of whatsumeir kynd of waires, ather Dutche or Scottis waires, to thair owne behoofe, bot allanerlie to the weill and proffit of the merchandis to quhome thai ar subject to mak compt thair of, vnder payne of tinsel of thair office; and ordanis my lord conservatour to intimat this present ordinance to theme and to put the same to executioun and to report his diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, vnder the payne of xx li.

Act, factouris
dischairgit to
buye merchan-
dices or sell bot
to the vse of
the merchand,
missiwe, con-
servator.

11. The factors having refused to pay the sums mentioned in the 12th act of last general convention the commissioners ordained the conservator to enforce payment and to report his diligence to next convention.

Act, elements,
communio,
missiwe.

12. Anent the matter of the burghs of baronie, the commissioners ordained the burghs to send their commissioners to next general convention sufficiently instructed to decide.

Act, burghs
of baronie,
missiwe.

13. Act passed in terms similar to the 7th act of last general convention.

Act, Perth,
vnlaw remittit.
Dumfermeline,
etc.

14. Ordained the burghs of Dumfermling, Dumbar, and Innerkeithing to produce to next general convention the form of election of their magistrates and to conform to the acts.

15. The commissioner of Kirkcudbrycht produced acts of court, as required by the 19th act of last general convention, with which the commissioners were satisfied.

Kirkcud-
brycht.

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Diligence,
Peibles,
Culane.

16. The commissioner of Peibles produced a perfect rental, as required by the 24th act of last general convention, which the commissioners accept for diligence.

17. Instructions given to the burgh of Culane as in the 20th act of last general convention.

4 July 1622.

Commissio,
statut, plaiding
cairsayes,
particular con-
ventionoun,
missiwe.

18. [Anent the second act of the particular convention held at Edinburgh on 1st February last, the commissioners] having considerit dewlie the said mater, and finding themeselffis gritlie hurt be the saids abusses mentionat in the saids overtures proponit thairanent, and recensing how preiudiciall the same ar to the tredders with the saids waires, the same being ane of the grittest and cheiffest treds within this cuntrey, and being desyrous that the saids abuses may be taikin away and the saids waires reformit and brocht bak to thair former integritie, ordanis the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundye, Abirdein, Stirling, Lynlythgow, Glasgow, Air, Wigtoun, Montrose, and Elgyne to direct thair commissioneris to meitt and convein at the burgh of Edinburgh the xj day of this instant for setting doun of thair best overtures and advyses for reforming of the said abusses and geving ansuer to the lordis of his Majesties privie counsall theranent, to quhome the saids commissioneris of borrowis gives thair full powar and commissioun to doe therin as thai sall think maist meitt and expedient for reforming of the saids abuses and weill of the said tred, that the said tred may floorisch and ressaive no caus of stay and ruine, and to doe all and whatsumeuir they nicht doe themeselffis, ratifieing and appreiving all thair proceidings therin. As also, gives full powar and commissioun to the saids borrowis to advyse and consult with the Archiebischop of Sanct Androes anent ane ansuer to be send to the lettre direct frome the minister and sessioun of Campheir desyring thair advyses anent the petitoun givin in to the estaittis generall of Holland be the Inglisch and Scottis preachers thair, for reforming of the confusioun amongs theme, craiving ordour frome theme of the classical and sinodall assemblies as the kirk of the Wallons hes thair, and according to the said advyse as they sall think best to send

ane ansuere to the said minister. As also, gives full powar and commissioun to the saids borrowis to advyse anent the best way for remeid of the extraordiner customes taikin at the landward faires, far excceeding his Majesties customes, and to mein the said mater to the lords of His Majesties privie counsall that the same may be prevented in tyme. And ordanis the saids burghis to report thair diligence anent the haill premissis to the next general conventioun of borrowis.

DUMFRIES.
4 July 1622.
Commissio,
plaiding, etc.

19. Anent the 13th act of last general convention, the commissioner of Edinburgh produced the accounts of James Lennox of his intromission with the impost granted for defraying the stipend of the minister in Campheir, but the accounts not being made up in terms of the injunctions given him he was directed to produce correct accounts to next convention. The commissioners also instructed the burghs to send their commissioners instructed to give answer "tutching the augmentation of his fiall craved."

Lennox,
clerk, comptes
conservatour,
missiwe.

20. Anent the supplicatioun gevin in be the burgh of Dumfries, craving help for reparatioun of thair brig being overthrowin and rased to the grund by the violence of the water of Nith, mentionat in the 25 act of the last conventioun, haldin at Abirdein in Julij last, the saids commissioneris of borrowis, considdering the necessitie of the said brig and the diligence vsit be the said burgh of Dumfries in repairing of the same, thairfore hes grantit, and be the tennour hereof grantis vnto the said toun, for reparatioun of thair brig, the soume of fyve hundreth pundis vsuall money of this realme, and ordanis the same to be ingatherit according to the taxt roll.

Support, Dum-
fries brig v^c li
missiwe.

21. Anent the supplicatioun gevin in be the burgh of Innerkeithing, craiving help to the reparatioun of thair decayit brig and calsayis, mentionat in the 36 act of the last conventioun haldin at the burgh of Abirdein, the saids commissioneris grantis to the said brig and calsay the soume of ane hundreth pundis, and ordanis the same to be ingatherit according to the taxt roll.

Support, Inner-
keithing,
decayit brig
and herbaries
missiwe, j^c li.

22. Ordained that the burghs send their commissioners to next convention sufficiently instructed "anent the report maid be the burghis of Edinburgh, Dundye, Sanct Androes, Lynlythgow, Hadingtoun, Culros, who mett at the

Compt, com-
missioners,
chairges, platt,
missiwe.

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4 July 1622.

platt since the last parliament, craiving that ordour might be tuikin for their commissioneris chairges at the said meittings."

Cant, conser-
gerie hous,
clerk conserva-
tour, missiwe.

23. The saids commissioneris of borrowis, vnderstanding that the magistrattis of the toun of Campheir hes vnlawit Elizabeth Cant, keiper of the consergerie hous thair, for ressaving of Inglismen in hir hous the spaice of tua houres, the saids commissioneris of borrowis ordanis thair clerk to wryte to the magistrattis of the said toun of Campheir, shewing theme that, sieing the Inglis natioun during thair staiple at Middleburgh had that priueleg of ressaving of Scottis men, that it is agrieabill to reasoun that the same lyk priuelege be grauntit vnto the keiper of thair consergerie, so insomuch as the said toun is be contract obleissit to procur and grant the lyk priueleges to oure natioun as the English natioun had at Middilburgh, as thai salbe cairfull for keiping of thair pairt of the said contract to theme in all pointes, and the burghis of Edinburgh to haue ane cair heirop, and to produce thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive. As, lykwayes the saids borrowis, vnderstanding that (*blank*) Greirsoun and Johnne Corstorphing induellers in the said toun of Campheir does keip oppin hous in selling of beir and wyne to the natioun, to the grit preiudice of the keiper of the consergerie hous, thairfore the saids commissioneris ordanis my lord conservatour to dischairge the saids persounes of all venting and rinning of wyne or beir, and in caice the saids pairties transgres in tyme cuming to dischairge the saids persouns of all priuelege of the natioun, and the conservatour to report his diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Statut, trans-
porting coales,
missiwe.

24. Forsamikle as the borrowis, recensing the grit hurt sustined be the haill borrowis in lack of fewal and coals, as hes bein felt this bygane yeir by experience, whiche hurt does aryse be the tolleratioun of straingeris to transport coales furth of this realme and is licklie to grow to the preiudice of the haill cuntrey giff the same be not tymouslie prevented, and thairfore ordanis the commissioneris of borrowis that ar to meit at Edinburgh the ellevint of this instant to consult vpon the best mids for preventing of the saids hurtis, and to mein the same to the lordis of His Majesties privie counsall that the lawis alredye maid against transporting of coale may be put to executioun and the said

coale restraynit within the cuntrey, and to doe all and quhatsumeuir vther thingis they sall think meit for restraining of the saids coales; to quhome the saids commissioneris of borrowis gives thair full powar and commissioun to doe quhatsumeuir thai nicht doe themeselffis therin, *promittentes de rato, etc.*, and to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

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Coals.₁

25. Anent supplications for remission of unlaws incurred for absence from last general convention, the commissioners remitted the unlaw of Dumbar, and ordained the agent to proceed against Dumbartane and Culros for payment of their unlaws.

Dumbar, Dum-
bartane, Culros,
missiwe.

26. The saids commissioneris of borrowis ordanis the burgh of Elgyne to produce to the nixt generall conventioun the forme of the electioun of thair magistrattis and counsall, and to conforme thame selffis thairin conforme to the actes of parliament and borrowis, and ordanis thame not to admit or ressaive into thair counsall anie persounes of quhatsumeuir degrie bot such [as] ar chosin counsalleris, merchandis, and craftsmen within thair burgh, vnder the payne of j^c li. to be payit to the borrowis.

Elgyne, elec-
tioun, magis-
trattis, missiwe.

27. The accounts of Robert Wynrahame, agent, having been produced, he was found to have disbursed £210, which sum the commissioners ordained to be paid by the burghs, conform to the tax roll.

Agent, comp-
tes, ij^cx li. mis-
siwe.

28. The commissioners unlawed the burghs of Couper, Innernes, Brichtene, Pettinweyme, Ranfrow, Dunfermeling, Craill, Culane, and Nairne, in £20 each for being absent from this convention, and also (excluding Culane, but including Tayne), in another unlaw of £20 for not sending their missive dues.

Couper, etc.
vnlawit, chairge
agent, missiwe.

29. The commissioners ratified the 39th act of the general convention held in 1616, and ordained each burgh to put the same to execution.

Statut, reill,
missiwe.

30. The commissioners ordained Andro Forrett to produce to next general convention, his accounts of the impost granted him for defraying his charges in obtaining letters patents in favor of merchants trafficking to England and Ireland. "And farder, for his better help and support, they grant and give to the said Andro powar to himself or his factor in his name to his behoove till vplift the said impost" till 1st July 1623, "nochtwithstanding of the acts of borrowis suspending the same."

Forettis
comptes, im-
post, nixt
conventioun,
missiwe.

31. The saids commissioners of borrowis, vnderstanding by report of

Herberie,
Weymes.

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Herberie
Weymes.

the burghis that wer appointed to visite the herbarie of the Weymis, intendit laillie to be buildit and repayret be the laird of Weymis, that the said herberie is necessar and commodious for saiftie of all ships and goodes in tyme of storme that is passing in the Firth, and thairfore the saidis borrowis recommends the said herbarie to the cheritable supplie of the said borrowis who will willinglie supplie the same; and thairfore earnestlie intreattis the haill borrowis not to be inlaiking of so cheritable and necessar ane work as they salbe requyrit.

Complent,
Lynlythgow
contra Craill,
missiwe.

32. The saids commissioneris of borrowis ordanis the burgh [of] Craill to send thair commissioner sufficientlie instructed to ansuer to the complaint givin in be the burgh of Lynlythgow against thame for exacting ane Fyfe boll of all bark brocht in be the burgessis of Lynlythgow to thair burgh, vnder the payne of xx li, and ilk burgh to send thair commissioner sufficientlie instructit to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis to decyid the samin.

Exemptiounes,
Dumbartane,
etc.

33. Granted licence to the following burghs to abide from general conventions on the usual conditions, viz.—Dumbartane for three years, Qubithorne, Annand, Lochmaben, Sanquhare, and Rutherglen for five years.

Licence,
impost, Air.

34. Anent the supplicatioun gevin in be James Blair, commissioner for the burgh of Air, in name of his said burgh, shawing that thair herbarie and haill bulwarkis ar becum ruinous and licklie to fall down and perish whitche will tend to the overthrow of the toun, thair tred consisting for maist pairt be the sey, and thairfore desyring licence to purches ane new gift of the impost grantit to theme of before be oure Soverayne Lord for repairing and vphalding of thair said harberie and bulwarkis, as at mair lenth is contenit in thair supplicatioun givin in theranent; the saids commissioneris of borrowis findis thair desyre ressonable and thairfore grantis licence to the said burgh to impetrat of oure Soverayne Lord ane gyft of the impost in maner specifiet in the impost grauntit to the said burgh in anno j^mv^c lxxx viij yeires and that for the spaice of nyntein yeires efter the expyryng of the said gift; provyding always the said burgh at the ishe and expyryng of the said impost mak compt to the borrowis of thair intromissioun, as lykways that they bestow the soumes collectit to the reparatioun of thair said herberie and bulwarkis foresaid.

35. The saids commissioneris of borrowis ordanis Maister Robert Wynrahame, thair agent, to cause warne my lord conservatour to compeir before theme the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis to ansuere to the complaint givin in against him be the inhabitantis of the burgh of Dysart for exacting of thame certan dewties for thair ballast ships, and for vplifting of tua guidlings of the ship more then thai wer in vse to pay of before; and the agent to report his diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

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Complent,
Dysart, con-
servatour,
agent, missiwe.

36. Compeirit Johnne Mylne, commissioner for the burgh of Montrose, and gave in ane complaint against the burgh of Edinburgh, for not suffering thair nichtboures resorting to the herbarie at Leith to mak mercat and sell thair merchandice after thair accustomit forme. [The commissioners of Edinburgh protested that in respect the commissioner of Montrose] productit no speciall commissioun frome his burgh for ingeving of the said complaint, as is ordanit be diuers actes of borrowis in sic caissis, that the samin sould not be ressaut nor thair burgh cited to ansuer thairto; vnto whitche actes thai declairit, before the samin past in votting, thai adherit which wes as yit standing in thair full strenth not abrogat. The saids commissioneris of borrowis ordanis the said burgh of Edinburgh to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructed to ansuer to the said complent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiwe; and the saids commissioners of Edinburgh disassentit heirfra and protestit as of before inrespect foresaid, and therupone askit actes and instrumentis.

Complent,
Montrose, con-
tra Edinburgh,
missiwe.

37. The saids commissioneris ordanis the burgh of Lauder to send thair commissioner sufficientlie instructed to ansuer to the complaint giving in against theme be the burgh of Jedburgh for exacting of theme certan customes, not onlie within thair toun bot also far without the samin, quhairof thai wer not in vse of payment of before, to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, vnder the payne of xx li, and ordanis ilk burgh to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed for decyding thairrof.

Complent,
Jedburgh con-
tra Lauder.

38. Ordained that the town clerk of Dumfreis be paid £20 for directing the misssives this year.

Agent, Cun-
inghame, clerk
xx li.

39. Dissolved the present general convention, and appointed the next to be held at Dundie, beginning on 1st July 1623.

Next conven-
tioun, Dundie.

EDINBURGH.
11 July 1622.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

11 July 1622.

Edinburgh, Johne Maknacht; Dundie, Maister Williame Fergusoun; Abirdein, Paull Menzeis; Glasgow, Gabriell Cuninghame; Air, Johnne Osburne; Wigtoun, John Turner; Montrose, Johnne Mylne; Anstruther Eister, Robert Alexander; Perth, Stirling, Lynlythgow, and Elgyne (*blank*).

Moderator
electit.

1. Johnne Maknacht, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

18 July 1622.

Statut,
cairsayes,
plaiding,
missiwe.

2. The saids commissioneris of borrowis, beand convenit anent the commissioun givin to theme be the commissioneris of borrowis haldin at the generall conventioun of borrowis at the burgh of Dumfreis the fourth day of Julij instant, for advysing vpon the reformatioun of the abusses croppin in in the working and making of Galoway cairsayes and plaiding, and anent the overtures sent down and proponit be his Majestie to the lordis of his privie counsall for reforming of the saids abuses and giving thair advyse and opinioun theranent, and finding how preiudiciall the samin ar to the haill merchand estait tredding with the saids waires, both in the cuntrey and in forane pairts quhairto the same ar transportit, hes thocht necessar and expedient that the same be reformit and the saids waires brocht to thair former integritie, and the honour and credeit of the cuntrey so grittumlie dampnifiet throw the disloyaltie thairof repayrit. And first, anent the Galloway cairsayes, they find the saids waires frome the beginning to haif bein vnloyall and vnsufficient merchandice, and the dissait thairof to haif bene so cunninglie convoyed that the same quhen it is brocht to the mercat and bocht be the merchandis can not be espyet before the same be wakit, and then efter the waking therof, be resoun of the difference of the wooll and yairne, is espyet, to the

grit hurt of the merchandis, and thairfore the seilling of the saids waires before the same be presentit to the mercat to be no sufficient mids for preventing and reforming of the abuses in the working of the saids Galoway cairsayis, and declaires for theme that thai can find out no overture for the present quhairby the samyn may be reformit. And anent the plaiding, they find the saids abuses to haif croppin in of late and the wobs of plaiding to be so falsifict be mixing of diuers wooles therin be making of the same narow in ane plaice and broad in ane vther, and be making the ends and syids of guid yairne and the mids of the worse, that the same is becum vnloyall merchandice, to the grit preiudice of the merchands, handlers thairwith, and discredeit of the cuntrey quhen the samin is transported abroad ; and thairfore finds it most necessar and expedient that the saids abuses in the saids waires be reformit, and the same brocht to thair former integritie, and that the seilling of the saids waires before they be presentit to the mercat, none being seilled bot sufficient wobs of alyk breid throwout, all of alyk woole and yairne, and of a lyk fynnes, and the vnsufficient cuttit to be sauld within the cuntrey, may prevent the saids abuses ; and thairfore thinks meitt that the saids lords desyrit that, seing the merchand estait is most interest in the saids waires, that the visitouris and seillers be at the appointment of the borrowis nixt adjacent to the mercattis quhairat the saids waires ar sauld, for quhome thai salbe ansuerabill, and that no gritter dewtie be imposit thairon then the grosnes and small validitie thairof may weill suffer and without hurt to the tred ; and ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to report this thair ansuer to the lordis of his Majesties privie counsall in thair names quhensoeuir thai salbe requyrit, and to report ane ansuer to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

EDINBURGH.
18 July 1623.
Statut, cair-
sayes, etc.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* DUNDIE.

DUNDEE.
1 July 1623.

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Edinburgh, Johnne Byires, Thomas Weir ; Perth, Andro Gray ;
Dundie, Maister Alexander Wedderburne, eldcr ; Abirdcain, Thomas

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Colinsoun ; Stirling, John Sherare ; Lynlythgow, Andro Bell ; Sanct-androes, Johnne Lepar ; Glasgow, Gabriell Cuninghame ; Air, Johnne Stewart ; Dysart, David Simpsoun, elder ; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne ; Kirkcaldie, Henrie Myller ; Munros, Hercules Taelyeour ; Couper, Robert Pitersone ; Anstruther Eister, Robert Alexander ; Dumfreis, William Carlell ; Innernes, Duncane Forbas ; Bruntyland, Maister Andro Wilsoun ; Innerkething, Williame Blaikburne ; Kinghorne, Walter Duncane ; Brichen, Johnne Norie ; Irwyne, Robert Broun ; Elgyne, Maister Johnne Hay ; Kirkcudbright, Johnne Ewart ; Pittinweyme, Williame Stevinsoun ; Dumfermeling, Robert Aitkyne ; Ramfrew, William Sommervell ; Lanerick, James Gray ; Peibles, Johnne Lowes ; Craill, Allane Cuninghame ; Thayne, Thomas Makculloch ; Anstruther Wester, Robert Richardstone ; Culros, Robert Forrett ; Dumbar, George Purves ; Forfar, Johnne Milve ; Forres, Robert Kynnaird ; Culane, James Lawtie ; Lauder, Mark Sandersoun ; Kilranie, Normand Lindesay ; Abirbrothok, exemption and ratification producit be Alexander Peter ; Selkirk, [the same] be Mr Johnne Ker ; Northberuick [the same] be Hadingtoun ; Annand, [the same] be Dumfreis ; Dumbartane, ratification producit be Ramfrew ; Rutherglen, exemption produced by Glasgow ; Jedburgh, Wigtoun, Bamff, Quhithorne, Rothesay, Lochmaben and Sanquhare, (*blank*).

Citation
verifeit.
Moderator
electit.

1. The commissioner of Dundie verified the citation of the burghs.
2. Williame Auchinleck, "first in commission for Dumfreis," elected moderator.

Hours of
meitting.

3. Appointes the heures of meitting to be and begin daylie efter the forenones sermone at nyne heures in the morning, and to lest quhill tuelf houris at noone, and at afternoone at half hour to tua till fyve acloak at night. [Regulations as to attendance, speaking, and voting, same as last year].

Jedburgh,
vnlawit,
chaarge agent.

4. Vnlawis the burgh of Jedburgh for electing of Williame Rutherfuird, maltman, and ane officer of airmes, to be commissioner for thair burgh, and decernis theme as absents, and thairfore vnlawis theme in the soume of tuentie pundis, and ordanis the agent to vplift the same and to be chaigrit therwith in his comptes.

Outland
burgessis, etc.

5. Act passed in terms similar to the 4th act of last general convention.

6. Ratified the 29th act of last general convention and ordained the burghs to put the same to farther execution. DUNDEE.
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7. Ordained the burgh of Perth to take farther diligence against an indweller in Clakmannan, in causing him to desist from using the liberty of the free royal burghs. Reill,
missiwe.
Perth,

8. Ordained the burghs to send their commissioners to next general convention, instructed as required by the 12th act of last general convention. Burghis of
baronie.

9. Anent the 5th act of last general convention, the commissioners found that the burghs of Munros and Dumfreis had used no diligence, and ordained them to take proceedings and report to next general convention. Munros,
Dumfreis.

10. Anent the 6th and 7th acts of last general convention, the commissioners found that Dundie had done diligence against an outland burgess, and that burgh and Haddington were ordained to take proceedings against two others. Dundie,
Haddingtoun.

11. Ordained the burgh of Lythgow to insist against two indwellers in Bor-rowstonness and one in Queinsferrie in causing them to desist from trading or using the liberty of free burghs. Lythgow.

12. Ordained the burgh of Dumfermeling to require a burgess residing in Queensferrie to make residence in the burgh or to deprive him of the liberty thereof. Dumfermeling.

2 July 1623.

13. The commissioners unlawed the burgh of Dumbar in £100 for not conforming to the acts, in electing of Sir James Baillie to be their provost, and ordained them to conform in future. Dumbar
vnlawit.

14. The saids commissioneris of borrowis ordanis the burghis of Dumfreis to produce the forme of the electioun of thair magistrattis and counsall at Michaelmas nixt, and to proceed therein conforme to the actes of parliament and borrowis, and to admitt nane to be vpone thair counsall to haive voit in thair electioun bot such as ar merchands or craftismen, actuall residents within thair burgh, beiring all portabill chairges thairin, vnder the payne of ane hundreth pundis. Dumfries,
electioun.
magistrattis

15. Anent the 14th act of last general convention, the commissioners unlawed the burgh of Innerkething in £100 for not conforming to the acts, in electing of William Inglis to be provost and Patrik Stewart of Baith to be on the council, and ordained the burgh to proceed in the next election as in the preceding act is provided with regard to Dunbar. Innerkeithing
vnlawit, chairge
agent, electio,
magistrattis
missiwe.

DUNDEE.
2 July 1623. 16. Anent the 10th act of last general convention the conservator appeared and declared that he had intimated the same and the commissioners instructed Statutt, factors him to put it and also the 11th act to execution.

Complaint,
Dysart contra
conservator. 17. Anent the [35th act of the last general convention], comperit the said lord conservatour and declairit that he knew nothing thair of, and if anie such ovirsicht was committit be his collectouris promisit to sie the samin redressit.

Culano. 18. Instructions given to the burgh of Culane as in the 17th act of last general convention.

Lauder contra
Jedburgh,
missiwe. 19. Act passed in terms similar to the 37th act of last general convention.

Munros contra
Edinburgh,
missiwe. 20. Anent the [36th act of last general convention], ordanis the said burgh of Munros to send thair commissioner sufficientlie instructed with speciall commissioun in the said mater to the nixt generall conventioun.

Commissioners
chairges at-
tending the
platt missiwe. 21. Anent the 22 act of the last generall conventioun of borrowis, haldin at Dumfreis, ordaining the burghs of Edinburgh, Dundye, Lythgow, Haddingtoun, St. Androes, and Culros, to produce to this conventioun thair commissioneris chairges that attendit the platt since the last parliament, compeirit the commissioners of the burghis of Edinburgh, Dundie, Lynlythgow, and Haddingtoun and declairit that thair commissioneris had attendit the said platt be the spaice of ten weiks, and thairfore desyrit that thair commissioneris chairges and the attendance on the said platt nicht be modifiet; lyk as also compeirit the commissioneris of the burghis of St. Androes and Culros and desyrit lykwayis modifi-catioun of thair commissioneris chairges, bot could not condescend vpon the tyme of thair commissioneris attendance at the said platt; thairfore the saids commissioneris of borrowis grantis vnto the saids burghis of Edinburgh, Dundie, Lythgow, and Haddingtoun, to ilk ane of theme for thair commissioneris chairge the soume of ane hundreth pundis to be ingatherit and vplifted according to the taxt roll; and ordanis ilk burgh to send thair pairt thair of to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis with thair commissioneris, vnder the payne of xx li. ilk burgh, by and attour thair payment of the said principall soume; and ordanis the saids burghis of Sanct Androes and Culros to condescend vpon the speciall tymes of thair commissioneris attendance vpon the said platt and to

qualifie the samin to the said nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, quihilk beand qualifiet ordanis theme to haif allowance with the rest proportionallie. DUNDEE.
2 July 1623.

3 July 1623.

22. The commissioneris of borrowis vnderstanding that it hes pleased his Majestie, out of his royall and princelie cair he hes of his haill subjectes of this his ancient kingdom, and being willing that thai could be eased of what just grievances and distresses quhairvnder they doe lye, hes appointed ane particular commissioun for heiring of the saids grievances, thairfore the saids commissioners ordanis the commissioners of the burghs of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Abirdein, Stirling, Lynlythgow, Sanct Androes, Dumfermeling, Glasgow, Haddingtoun, Air, Anstruther Eister, Kirkcaldie, Dysart, Innernes, Dumfreis and Elgyn to meitt and conveyn at the burgh of Edinburgh the nynt day of this instant with continuatioun of dayes, and thair to treat, ressoun, and conclud anent the haill greivances this estait does sustein, and to mein the same to the saids lordis, that according to his Majesties most princelie intentioun sum guid ordour may be taikin thairin, and they releived thair of; and, namelie, recommends to theme that, first, sum guid ordour wer taiken for recalling of all restraints and monopolis alredy grauntit, and restrayning of all such lyik grants in tyme cuming, quhairby the priueledges of the borrowis in thair tred and trafficque grauntit to theme be his Majestie and his most noble progenitouris, and so oft confirmit in diuers parliaments ar so grittumlie impairit, to thair gritt hurt and lose; and sic lyik, to desyre redres of the gritt hurt susteni the the lieges in the mater of protectiones, supersederies, and bonorums graunted to sindrie persounes who wilfullie defraudis thair creditouris of thair just debts; and sic lyik, to mein to thair lordships the particular preiudice this estait doeth sustein be the act of the last parliament maid anent abuilziement, and to craive at thair lordships they wald be pleased to interceid with his Majestie for suspending of the said statut; and sic lyik, the saids commissioneris, vnderstanding be the complaint givin in be ane gritt number of the barkeris, tanneris, and handleris with hyids, of thair grit hurt, and how they ar brocht to extreame pouertie be the

Commissio,
certane
borrowis anent
the greivances,
missiwe.

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3 July 1623.

Commissio,
greivances.

new forme of barking and tanning of hyides, the same craiving gritter trauayle, labour, and expenssis nor the auld forme, and the hyds theme selffis not being abill to abyid the same, is altogidder broght to be vnsufficient for the people for halding out of weit, which is imposit vpone theme by my Lord Erskine and dewtie vplifted of the hyids; thairfore the saids commissioneris of borrowis ordanis the saids borrowis to meane the same to the saids lords and to insist for redres thair of; and sic lyik, to meane the transportatioun of coalles; as also, to remember the heaveie hurt the haille borrowis of this realme doeth sustein be the English men and Fleymings who hes laitlie taiken vpone tred of fishing in the North and West Yles of this kingdome, they being sufficient for the same thame-selffis, and to seik remeid thair of; as also, to craive thair lordships help for restraining of the Fleymings in bying in the north pairts of this cuntrey beiff and hyd and pakking of the same, it being ane tred onlie competent to the frie borrowis of this realme; and last, thai recommend to theme the burgh of Culane, quhairby they cannot bot be iustlie greived, seing his Maestie is lyik to lose a burgh and they ane member, earnestlie to interceid with the saids lordis that since thair hes bein so manie lands givin theme which ar now taiken from theme that sum remeid wer fund out for repairing of that breache. The which particulars the saids commissioners recommends to thair cair and diligence in prosecutting thair of, and gives vnto theme thair full powar and commissioun to doe in the premissis as they sall find meittest and most expedient for the commoun weill and particular weill of this estait, in sic ample maner and forme as they nicht doe themeselffis gif thai wer all personalie present; and in quhatsumeuir vther mater quhairin they ar greived that sall cum to thair knowledg, whairin to doe, the present commissioners of borrowis gives thair full powar and commissioun, as if thai wer exprest in this present commissioun; promising to hald firme and staible whatsumeuir they sall doe in the premissis, and to ratifie and approve the same with thair haill haddings and courses to be taikin therin be theme. And ordanis the saids commissioneris to attend preceislie the said conventioun, and not to depairt thairfra before the same be dissoluit, and gives full powar to these convenand to vnlaw the absents, and such as sall depairt befor the ending of the said meitting, and to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

23. The Commissioneris of borrowis beand convenit, vnderstanding that betuixt conventiounes thair doeth occur diuers and sindrie particulars quhairin the haill borrowis of this realme ar interest ; and becaus of thair not compeirance, gettis so far way and goes on without remeid, thairfore, and for remeid heirof, the saids commissioneris of borrowis gevis full powar and commissioun to the burgh of Edinburgh that so oft as thai sall gett intelligence of whatt sall occur betuixt conventiounes concerning the haill borrowis, to compeir in thair names and mak such lafull resistance as they may till they be farder hard, and sall give aduertisement to such of the borrowis quhome they sall think most meitt and expedient, ratifieing and approoving quhatsumeuir they sall doe in the premissis; and ordanis theme to report thair diligence to the nixt ensewing conventiouns of borrowis of thair proceedings.

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Commissio,
haill borrowis
to the burgh
of Edinburgh
to compeir
before the
lords of
sessioun in
thair names.

24. The commissioners of the burgh of Edinburgh produced the accounts of James Lennox of his intromission with the impost granted for defraying the charges of the minister and readers stipend at Campheir. The charge for the year ending 1st May 1622 extended to £133, 16s. Flemish money, and for the year ending 1st May 1623 to £164. The discharge for the first year extended to £162 and for the second to £162, leaving due to the collector £26, 4s. The commissioners augmented the collector's fee by £10 and directed him to present his accounts to next convention ; and for better verifying thereof ordained the skipper or factor of every ship to subscribe his book of charge in future.

James Lennox
comptes,
minister and
readers
stipend.

25. Ordanis all bandis and obligationes and vthair securities quhatsumeuir, to be maid betuixt Scottismen in the Yland or staiple port at Campheir to be pend and written onlie be James Lennox, conservatour clerk at Campheir, and be no vthers, vnder the payne of fyve schillingis Flemys, to be payit be the contraveners to him ; and ordanis my lords conservatour to caus intimat this present statut and sie the samin putt to dew executioun, and to report his diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Statut, bands
and obliga-
tiounes maid
in Campheir.

26. Compeirit the commissioneris of the burgh of Edinburgh and producit ane supplicatioun in name of Thomas Cuninghame, factor at Campheir, direct to the present commissioneris of borrowis, craiveand restitutioun of the soume of (*blank*), debursed be him vpone the elements of comunioun, as also sum consideratioun for his paines taiken be him in collecting and ingathering of the ministers stipend at Campheir ; the

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Cuninghame,
factour, com-
munion, con-
servator.

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Supplicatioun,
Cunninghame.

Agent, missiwe
lettre anent
the manufac-
tories, certane
borrowis,
missiwe.

saidis commissioners ordanis thair clerk to wrytt to him in thair names shewing him that thai haive givin ordour to my lord conservatour to sie him payed be the factouris conforme to thair ordinance, and to thank him for his paines in thair naymes taikin be him as thai sould be most willing to retribut to him ane better occasioun quhensoeur the samin sould happin, and not be forgetfull of his courtesie doone to theme.

27. Compeirit Maister Robert Wynrahame, agent, and producit ane missiwe lettre direct frome the lordis of his Maiesties most honorabill privie counsall, shawing that his Maiestie, wyselie forsieing that the manufactouris of commodities necessar for the vse of the kingdome, and in speciall that of the wooll, being brocht in practise heir, vald not onlie be a speciall meane to onriche the cuntrey bot to hald numberis of poore people at wark, his Majestie thairfore recommendit to his counsall the ordour taking thairwith, to wit, how the wark may be vndertaken and erected, societies joynit and a stock maid; for performance quhairof the saidis lordis had appointed ane meitting for sum noblemen, barrones, and borrowis, to be at Edinburcht the nynt of this instant, to consult vpon the best and reddiest way how so guid and necessar a work micht be be brocht to perfectioun, as at mair lenth is conteynit in the said missiwe lettre of the dait at Edinburcht the last of Junij; with the quhilk desyre the saidis commissioneris of borrowis being advysit, they, with humble and thankful hairtis, acknowledges his Majesties fatherlie cair ouer theme, and that nothing micht be inlaiking in theme for advancement of his Majesties princelie desyre, they give full powar and commissioun to the commissioneris of borrowis that ar to meitt at Edinburgh the nynt of this instant to treat, ressoun, and conclud vpone the best meanes how the said work may be set afoote and advancit, and to deliuer thair judgement thairin, and to doe all and quhatsumeuir they micht doe theme selffis if they were personalie present, firme and staible haldand and for to hald all and quhatsumeuir thair saidis commissioneris sall do in the premissis, and to report thair diligence anent the premissis to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Support
Forrett, j^mli.,
missiwe.

Compeirit Andro Forrett, burges of Sanct Androes, and producit his comptes of the intromissioun of the impost grauntit to him for obteneing of certan lettres patents in favouris of the natioun, in obteneing quhairof and vplifting of the said impost he declairit that he had not onlie

expendit his owne proper meanes bot also consumit the said dewties ras-
saut be him in vplifting of the said impost, quhairby he was redacted with
his wyiff and bairnis to pouertie and extreame necessitie; and inrespect
that he had so ruinat his estait in thair seruice, humblie craivit thair
help for bigging vp of the same againe, and wes content to demitt and
renunce, lyk as he be thir presents demittis and renunes and simpliciter
dischaarges quhatsumeuir actes maid or consaivit in his favouris of befoir,
and renunes the said impost grauntit vnto him, dischairging the saids
borrowis for him, his aires, executors, and assigns, of the samin for euir;
thairfore the saids commissioneris of borrowis pitieing the said Andro
his decayit estait, grantis vnto him, in full contentatioun and satisfacioun
of quhatsumeuir he can craive of theme or thair successouris in tyme
cuming, and for help thairof, the soume of ane thousand pundis Scottis
money, quhilk thai ordaine to be vplifted according to the taxt roll, and
ilk burgh to send thair pairt thairof to the nixt generall conventioun of
borrowis, vnder the payne of tuentie pundis, by and attour the payment
of thair pairt of the said principall soume; and farder the saids com-
missioneris exceptis furth of the said dischairge all sic soumes of money
addebted to the said Andro and givin vp be him in compt quhairof he
hes resaut no payment, in persewing quhairof they doe law thir presents
sall nowayes derogat nor be preiudiciall to him; and ordanis the Magis-
trattis of ilk burght to concur and assist with him for obteneing payment
thairof; and the said Andro compeirand accepted the conditiones abone-
writtin in maner foresaid and subscriuit thir presents with his hand.
(Signed) ANDREW FORRETT.

29. The commissioners continued till next convention the uplifting of the
unlaws incurred by the burghs of Dumbar and Innerkeything for not conforming
to the acts in their elections. Dumbar,
Innerkeything.

30. Granted licence to the burgh of Kirkcudbright to set their common lands
called the Borelands for seven years "to those of their nichtbouris that sall bid
maist for the samin," and ordained them to produce the tack to next convention. Licence, Kirk-
cudbright.

31. Granted licence to the following burghs to abide from general conven-
tion for three years on the usual conditions, viz, Abirbrothok, Ramfrew, Lane-
rick, Lauder, and Forfar. Exemptiones.

32. Anent the complement of the burgh of Brechan against the burgh
of Munros for not selling out of victuall bocht be theme fra strangeris Complaint,
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contrair Mun-
ros, miss.we.

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Breichane con-
trar Munros.

with the same measour thai coft the samin theme selffis, and for exacting of theme certan customes quhairof thai haif not bein in vse of payment of befor, the saids commissioneris of borrowis ordanis the burgh of Munros to send thair commissioner to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis sufficientlie instructed to give ansuer to the said complaint, and ilk burgh to send thair commissioneis sufficientlie instructed to the said nixt conventioun for decyding thairof, vnder the payne of tuentie pundis ilk burgh.

Supplicatioun,
Kilranee,
Pittinveyne,
missiwe.

33. Anent the supplicatiounes givin be the burgh of Kilranie, craiveing help for thair decayit herberie and for bigging of thair tolbuith, and anent the supplicatioun givin in be the burgh of Pettinveyne craiving help for thair decayit herbarie and commoun warkis, ordanis ilk burgh to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructed to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis to give ansuer to the saids supplicatiounes, vnder the paine of tuentie pundis ilk burght.

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Statutt anent
the forme of
barrell,
missiwe.

34. Anent the 8 act of the last generall conventioun . . . the saids commissioners of borrowis ordanis ilk burgh to conforme themeselffis in thair barrellis to the forme sett down in the said act, and for this effect to ressaive ane jade thairof frome the burgh of Edinburgh, and to report thair diligence in writt in ressaiving of the same, keiping of the said forme of barrell, and in putting of the remanent heids contentit in the said act putt to farder executioun, ilk burgh under the paine of xx li.

Selkirk, vnlaw
remittit.

35. Dispensed with the unlaw incurred by Selkirk for not sending their ratification to last general convention.

Agent,
comptes fittit,

36. The agent's accounts being produced, he was found to have disbursed £200, "by and attour" £60 received for unlaws, the commissioners of each burgh were ordained to send their shares to next convention.

Agent, clerk
of Dundie,
xx li.

37. Ordained that the town clerk of Dundee be paid £20 for directing the missives this year.

Qubithorne,
etc., vnlawit,

38. The burghs of Qubithorne, Lochmaben, and Sanquhare, unlaed in £20 for non-payment of their dues.

Nixt conven-
tioun, Lynlyth-
gow.

39. Dissolved the present general convention, and appointed the next to be held at Lynlythgow in July 1624.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

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Edinburgh, Johnne Bryris, Thomas Weir ; Perth, Andro Gray ; Dundie, Johnne Yeman ; Abirdein, George Nicolsoun ; Stirling, Johnne Sherar ; Lynlythgow, Andro Bell ; Glasgow, Gabriell Cuninghame ; Sanctandroes, Johnne Leper ; Dumfermeling, Robert Aitkyne ; Haddingtoun, George Hepburne ; Air, Johnne Stewart ; Anstruther Eister, Robert Alexander ; Kirkcaldie, Johnne Williamsoun ; Dysart (*blank*) ; Innernes, Duncan Forbas ; Dumfreis, William Cairlell ; Elgyne, Maister Johnne Hay ; Munros, James Williamesoun.

1. Johnne Byres, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator. Moderator.

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2. The saids commissioneris beand convenit for obedience of the 22nd act of the last generall conventioun haldin at Dundie the thrid day of Julij instant, and be vertew of the commissioun therin conteynit, ordanis the greivances vnderwritin to be gevin in to the commissioneris appointit be his Majestie for heiring and reforming of the just greivances of his subjectes within this kingdome :

Followis the greivances givin in be the commissioneris of borrowis to the commissioneris appointit be his Majestie for heiring and reforming of the iust greivances of his Majesties subjectes within this kingdome of Scotland.

1. Quheras the monopolies and restraints of importation of forraine wair ar prejudiciall to the subject and to the mercheand estait in speciall, in thair fre tred and negotiatioun, both in exportatioun of native commodities and importatioun of forrane, it is maist humblie craived that all monopolies and restraints may be recalled and publicatioun of the same maid at the mercat croces of the frie borrowis of this realme.

2. Quheras be protectiounes and cessioun of guides maid be diuours, the lieges ar nichtielie prejudgit, it is most humblie desyrit that such solide course may be taiken for executioun of the lawis alreddie maid, and making of vthers if neid be, for frieing of the subject frome these euillis,

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as the feare of punishment may in sum measure be ane terroure to curb that pest, leist be the grouth thair of his Maiesties guid subjectes be vndoone.

3. It is maist humblie desyrit that your lordships wald heir the iust complaint of the tanneris of this kingdome quhairin we haue oure awin sensible greivance, both in the badnes of the wair occasioned be this new forme of tanning and raesing of the price of the buittes and shoone, be the burdein of the impositioun laid vpon theme, and vtheris chairges whiche they ar now forced to vndergoe in new tanning of thair ledder, to the gritt hurt of the subject without anie appearance of anie guid to follow thervpone.

4. The borrowis ar nichtelie preiudgit in transporting of great coale, dischairgit be act of parliament to be transported, since by the exportatioun thair of coalles ar not onlie raissit to ane heigh rate bott als is growin so scairce as the samin in sum seasouns can not be had for money, and strangers preferrit to the native subject, to thair gritt preiudice, quhairin albeit thair may be some pretext for transport of these coalles whiche ar wyn vnder the sey and ar vpon the sea shore and not able to be intertynniet in respect of thair chairges without exportatioun; yit thair can no pretext be for these which ar vpon the maine land and ar intertynniet vpon ordinerie chairges with thair coale heuches of this realme and lyes in such pairts quhair thair transport is more hurtfull to the subject then can be borne and whair thair was neuir anie transport of befor.

5. The subject is preiudgit in that formellir impositioun has bein laid vpon forraine victuall, quhairby the samin in effect was restranit, sua that we are now forcit to buye the samin at ane triple rate to supplie the necessitie of the cuntrey, quhilk formerlie nicht haue bein bocht at ane verie easie price, and thairfore most humblie desyres that since be the lawis of this realme the imbringeris of victuall sould be cherished and no new impositioun laid vpon the said victuall, it nicht pleis your lordships to tak sic ordour as no impositioun in tyme to cum may be laid vpon forraine victuall, bot that the samin may be frielie importit for payment of the ald accustomit dewtye, and als for repressing of exorbitant derth that it nicht not be lauffull to export anie victuall furthe of this cuntrey efter that the price of the boll of quheitt cum to be ten pundis, beir viij lib., and aittes vj lib.

6. The merchandis of this kingdome ar nichtelie preiudgit in the payment of the excyse fish, and als in the tithes fishes exacted be the

Bishope of the Yles, which tua burdenis do presse ws so sore as thair is no gaine of oure fishing, and if the samin be not reformat and the subjectes fred thair is no houp that the traid of fishing sall euir tak roote, far less can mak anie progres in this natioun, albeit the same be ane of the most profitable commodities that this natioun doeth affiurd and vsefull both at home and abroad.

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7. The subjectes is nichtielie hurt and preiudgit be ane patent granntit to the laird of Bogie of the contraventiones of the inbringeris and selleris of forraine beir, especiallie in this so necessarie a tyme, quhairby they ar summond to his courts and such vnlawis exacted as thai ar not abill to beare in preiudice of the liberties of the frie borrowis of this realme.

8. The subjectes ar greivit in sua far as gifts wes grauntit be his Maiestie of the penulties of penall statuttis, the subjectes hes bene summondit frome all corners of this cuntrey to give thair aiths vpon the saids contraventiones, albeit thair be no expres warrand contenit in the saids actes, and thair is no reasoun quhy the subjectes sould be compellit to give his aith thervpon, and it wants precedencie or exemple, ather at home or abroad, except in sum few caices whiche by auctoritie of parliament wes introduced for the eschewing of the gritt abuses of the pistollis, hagbuittes, and of vsurie.

9. The merchants is preiudgit in sua far as vpon supplicatioun maid be theme to his Maiestie of the euillis ensewing be the act maid the last parliament anent abuilziements, his Maiestie wes pleased to suspend the executioun thair of for sum few yeires, quhilk, notwithstanding, is not doone, quhairby grit decay of tred hes followit, it micht thairfore be your lordships pleasour to interceid with his Maiestie for suspending of the same for sum few yeires and frieing of the subjects of the penulties therin contenit.

10. Forsamikle as the burgh of Culane is vtterlie ruined and almost altogidder left desolate be ressoun that the commoun guid of the said burgh and landis appertening thairto ar sett in few to gentlemen throw the cuntrey for such small dewtie as the samin ar altogidder vnprofitable, and thair is nothing remaining to intertein the chairges belonging for sustentatioun of the commoun burdeins incident to the said burgh, it micht thairfore pleas your lordships, since the burgh is both auncient in situation and plaice, verie vsefull to the cuntrey, and hes patrimonie sufficient for repairing of the ruines thair of, if the samin wer taiken out of the handis

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of the vniust possessouris, that sum course nicht be fund quhairby they nicht be restorit to thair owne landis and the burgh to the former beauty.

11. Item, we the merchandis of the west cuntrey, as Glasgow, Air, and Dumfreis, ar preiudgit in sua far as we ar compellit to pay double custome of oure merchandice importit furth or to Yreland to be transported to forraine cuntreys, quhairas the rest of his Maiesties lieges payes bot one custome.

12. Forsamikle as the penall statuttis ar maid rather for terrour than rigour, and the executioun of the same is such ane greivance and burdein to the subjectes as it is not possible to be borne, especiallie in these tymes quhairin famine, derth, decay of tred, taxationis, ordinar and extraordinar, and vthers manie burdenes hardlie borne out and vndergone be the best, and which presses the rest of subjectes too sore, ar yet linging over oure heides, it nicht pleis your lordships to interceid with his Maiestie for frieing of the subiectes of the samin and penulties for byganes, and extending his gracious favour thairto to his subjectes thairin, quhairby manie greivances may be remooved and the subjectes who is now encouraged with hope of sume guid to ensew to theme, by your lordships laboures may enjoy the fruittes of the same, quhairin your lordships sall doe ane work worthie of your selfis and mereit ane approbatioun of your cuntrey to be recordit to postertie, and sall preserue intair to his Maiestie the hairts and estaittes of his subjectes wha [be] his Maiestie gracious favour and your lordships laboures salbe preseruit frome vtter ruine till better tymes, quhairin thai may be more vsefull to his Maiestie and thair fleaces may in some seasonable spring grow in Gods guid favour and they refreshit in such measour as thai may be enabled with all alacritie and cheirfulnes to mak proffer to his Maiestie of the testimonies of thair graitfull hairts and vndergoe all his Maiesties royall commandements in all obedience dew to so sacred ane Sovereine.

Followis the ansueris maid be the lordis of his Maiesties commissioun anent the articles abone writtin, at Edinburgh the 18 of Julij 1623.

1. Anent the first article concerning monopolies and the restraints quhilkis ar craivit to be dischairgit, the lordis ordanis the borrowis to declair quhat thai call monopolles and consent particularie quhat thai vald haue to be dischairgit.

2. Anent the second article tuitching protectiones and cession of guides, the lordis of session will haue ane cair thair of and will tak such ordour thairin as the forther growth of that euill salbe restraynit; and tuitching protectiones, the parliament has alreddie tane ordour thairanent, and cair salbe had that the act of parliament sall ressaive execution as it hes done preceislie thir tua yeires bygane.

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3. Anent the thrid article concerning the tanneris, the lords continewis all meddling in that mater till the first Wednesday of November nixt, to the intent that the pairtie haiving entries may be hard.

4. Anent the article of coalles, ordanis the borrowis to condiscend vpon the particular coale heuches quhairfra the hurt and preiudice proceeds, to the intent the awners may be warnit to the last counsall day of November and hard thairvpon.

5. Anent the fyft article concerning the discharge of the laitt impositiones vpon victuall and discharge of exportation thair of, the lordis ordanis the borrowis to bak that article with the best reassouns enforcing the expedience of the proposition, to the intent the pairties haiveand entries being hard thervpon such ordour may be tane quhilk salbe most for the publick guid of the cuntrey; and it is thocht meitt that the justices of peax throughout the kingdome salbe desyrit that at thair first quarter sessiones yeirlie in the moneth of November they informe theme selffis trewlie and sufficientlie of the estaitt of the victuall and that within the boundes of thair offices that, according to tryell and information thairanent, that thai mak a report to his Maiesties counsall vpon the last counsall day of November yeirlie, to the intent that efter deliberation thair of such ordour salbe tane as sall best stand with the weill of the cuntrey, and that the lyik be doone yeirlie be the magistrattis within burgh, and ordanis the commissioneris of the borrowis to adverteis the magistrattis of the heid burgh of ilk shyre concerning this.

6. Anent the article of the assyse and teind fishes, becaus the mater concernis the Kings Maiestie and the Bishope of the Yles, it is thocht meit that his Maiesties officer and Bishope salbe hard thairvpon at such tyme as the borrowis will tak, in the beginning of the nixt session, and if it salbe fund in that onie noveltie hes bein introduced anent the vplifting of the teind dewtie, and that more is exacted then is dew, ordour salbe tane for redres and reformation of abuse.

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7. Anent the article concerning Bogies patent, the lordis, vnderstanding the act of counsall concerning that mater and the patent following thervpon wer vpone guid consideratiounes grauntit, and if ane abuse hes bein committit in following out of the bissines, vpone tryell, ordour salbe taken thairanent, and if the borrowis hes ouie thing to say thairanent, ordanis thame to attend the counsall on Tysday nixt and thai salbe hard.

8. Anent the 8 article, ordanis the commissioneris to condiscend vpone the particularis quhairin thai ar greivit and ordour salbe taiken thairanent.

9. Anent the 9 article, concerning abuilziement, the lordis finds, sieing the act of parliament wes vpon guid consideratiounes for suppressing of ane abuse most vnprofitable to the cuntrey, the borrowis being present and hard thervpone, that now thair is no plaice for theme to tuitche the samin.

10. Anent the 10 article for the burgh of Culane, the lordis finds that thai haif no warrand by thair commissioun to cognose vpone mens here-table tytillis nor to call theme to that effect.

11. Anent the article concerning the borrowis in the west, and thair double custome, becaus this point concerneth his Maiesties customes, the lordis wilbe advysit therwith.

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Warrant,
Prymrois, etc.

3. Ordained the agent to pay to James Prymrois "for his panis takin be him in thair affaires" 100 merks, to his son 20 merks, and "to the maissouris at the counsalhous," 10 merks.

Lettre to his
Majestie,
greivances.

4. Ordanis ane missiwe to be writtin to his Majestie of thankis for his gracious favour extendit toward theme in the late commissioun of greivances, with humble supplicatioun for redres of the samin.

Johnne Hay to
subscribe ex-
tracts, etc.
Report, greiv-
ances, missiwe.

5. Johnne Hay, in absence of Alexander Guthrie, clerk, authorised to subscribe any extracts or letters till next convention.

6. Ordained the report of grievances and answers to be a head of the next missive, and ordained the burgh of Edinburgh to require the burghs named in the 22d act of last general convention to convene at Edinburgh on 4th November next.

7. Ordained the burgh of Dumfreis to produce to next general convention an account of the employment of £500 received for repair of their bridge.

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19 July 1623.
Dumfreis, im-
poyment of
v^e li, agent,
missiwe.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, John Byres, Eduard Ker ; Perth, Andro Conquerour ; Dundye, Johnne Yeman ; Abirdein, Maister Mathow Lumbsden ; Striviling, Johnne Sherare ; Lynlythgow, Andro Bell ; Sanctandroes, Johnne Lepar ; Glasgow, Johnne Thomsoun ; Air, Adame Ritchie ; Hadingtoun, Maister James Cokburne ; Kirkcaldie, Johnne Colyear ; Couper in Fyiff, Robert Petersone ; Anstruther Eister, Robert Merse ; Bruntyland, Maister Andro Wilsoun ; Kinghorne, Johnne Kirkcaldie ; Dumfermeling, James Reid.

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John Byres, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

Moderator.

1. The saidis commissioneris, all in ane voice, agries to oppose against the gift of the office of conservatorie grauntit to Maister Nathaniell Eduard and all that hes followit thervpone, and to vse all meanes they can for annulling of the same.

Gift of the
conservatorie.

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2. Forsuamikle as the commissioneris of borrowis ar informit that Mr Nathaniell Wddert hes purchaised ane grant of His Majestie of the office of conservatorie within the Law Cuntreyis, and als befor his gift be exped hes intrudit him selff in the said office without anie warrand allowable be the lawis of this realme, and that the borrowis ar not onlie preiudiced in the example bot als in the grant it selff, quhairin they haue their awin iust interessis, thairfore they all in ane voice agries to interceid with his Maiestie and lordis of his Maiesties secreit counsall for recalling of the said grant, and to mak all lauchfull oppositioun to that effect, and that Sir Robert Danielstoun, present conservatour, may enjoy his gift of the said office conforme to the tennour thairof, and the borrowis tak such course as nane may be plaiced therin heirafter without their consent and assent.

Wddert, con-
servatour.

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Dennistoun,
conservator,
warrant.

3. The saidis commissioneris, haiving consideratioun that in caice Maister Nathaniell Vduard purchase of Sir Robert Danielstoun, present conservatour, ane dimissioun of his office it will very much preiudice thair effairs and give the said Maister Nathaniell too muche advantage, thairfore hes thocht fitt that the said conservatour be dealt with that he mak no dimissioun of the said office in favouris of the said Maister Nathaniell nor na vther persone without the consent of the borrowis of this realme at anie tyme heirafter, and for the same to give him assurance that sua soone as they haue cleired the contraversie presentlie depending betuixt theme and the said Maister Nathaniell Vddert, and that they sall purchase his Majesties favour for recalling of his grant and placeing of ane man fit for supplieing of the said office for the honor of his Majestie and guid of the natioun, that then it sall ather be in the optioun of the said Sir Robert to retain the said plaice during his tyme, or vtherwayes give it sall pleis him to dimit, to gratifie him honorablie for the same at the sicht of the commissioneris or anie four borrowis he sall nominat, or vtherwayis as they can agrie; and in the meanetyme the saids commissioneris promittis to vnderlye the chairges of the commissioneris to be employed be theme ather at home or abroad for mantening of the said Sir Robert in the richt of his patent or quhat salbe vtherwayes thocht fitt to be debursed to that effect.

Agent, writtis.

4. Ordained the agent to repay to the burgh of Edinburgh the sum of £178, 18s. 8d. paid for purchasing and extracting writs concerning the office of conservator, and also to pay such farther sums as may be necessary in connection with that matter.

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Edinburgh,
Udward, con-
servatorie.

5. The commissioneris of borrowis beand convenit, forsuameikle as the toun of Edinburgh, vpone informatioun givin to theme of the patent purchest be maister Nathaniell Vduard of the office of conservatorie of the priveleges of the natioun in the Law Cuntreyis, meynit theme selffis to the lordis of His Majesties secreit counsall for staying of the expeding of the said patent till the borrowis wer hard, quhilk wes grantit to theme be the saidis lordis, and thairefter haiving notice of the said Maister Nathaniell Vduard his transportatioun to the toun of Campheir, and in-

truding himself in the same office without anie lauchfull warrand, had also givin in supplicatioun in name of the borrowis compleyning of the said wrang, and thairfore intreatting thair lordships to intimat the same to his Majestie, and to interceid that all farder procedour therin sould stay till the borrowis entres were hard, the saids lordis hes directit thair lettres to his Majestie to that same effect togidder with the said supplicatioun, thairfore the commissioneris ratifies and approves quhatsumeuir hes bein doone heirin be the said burgh of Edinburgh anent the said affair in thair names, and also ordanis ane supplicatioun to be maid in name of the hail borrowis and givin in to the saids lordis of his Majesties secreit counsall, makand mentioun of quhat is past and doone be theme in favouris of the saids borrowis, to give thair lordships maist humble and hairtie thankis for the same, and to intreat continuance of thair lordships honorabill favour; and since the mater doeth concerne most the borrowis of this realme and they onlie interessed in the same, it micht pleis thair lordships as of before to continew all farder proceeding therin till the borrowis be of new wairnit that they may give in to thair lordships such just reasouns as they haue to oppose against the same, and ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to aduerteis the rest of the borrowis, at leist so many of theme as they sall think fitt, or wer written for to this present conventioun, and the agent to direct thair missiwes, and the chairges of the same salbe allowit to him in his comptes.

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6. Ordained that eleven persons, factors in Campheir, who had contravened the acts of burghs, and specially the 10th act of the general convention of 1622, should be warned to answer the complaint at next general convention; and that the conservator's clerk should then produce his accounts.

Factors to be
wairned, agent,
missive.

7. Ordained that a letter be written to Patrik Hammiltoun to insist with his Majesty for recalling the patent granted to Nathaniel Vduard of the office of conservator.

Agent at court,
conservator.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* LYNLYTHGOW.

Edinburgh, Johnne Byires, Thomas Weir; Perth, Andro Gray; Dundie, Maister Williame Fergusson; Abirdein, Maister Alexander Japhray; Stirling, Johnne Scherare; Lynlythgow, James Glen; Sanct-

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androes, Symeone Greg ; Glasgow, Gabriell Cuninghame ; Air, James Blair ; Dysart, David Sympsoun ; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cockburne ; Kirkcaldie, Johnne Colzeare ; Munros, Maister Williame Mackeane ; Couper, Robert Petersone ; Anstruther Eister, Robert Merse ; Dumfreis, Fraunces Irwing ; Innernes, Robert Baillie ; Bruntyland, William Micklejohnne ; Innerkething, Mark Kinglassie ; Kinghorne, Walter Duncane ; Brichene, David Lindesay ; Irrwing, James Scott ; Elgyne, Hew Falconer ; Jedburgh, Alexander Kirkcoun ; Kirkcudbright, Robert Bell ; Pettinweyme, Williame Stevinsoun ; Dumfermeling, Robert Aitkyne ; Peibles, Archibald Frank ; Craill, Allane Cuninghame ; Thayne, Johnne Forrester ; Anstruther Wester, Johnne Thomesoun ; Culros, Maister Eduard Blair ; Dumbar, George Purves ; Rothesay, Adam Fairlie ; Forres, George Duff ; Northberuick, Johnne Mure ; Culane, James Lawtie ; Lauder, Mark Sandersoun ; Kilranie, Normand Lindsay ; Ramfrey and Rutherglen, be exemptioun and ratificatioun product be Glasgow ; Lanerick [the same] be Thomas Jak ; Abirbrothok, [the same] be Brichene ; Selkirk [the same], be Maister Johnne Ker ; Forfar and Annan [the same], be agent ; Sanquhar, [the same] be Hew Dick ; Bamff, exemptioun product be agent ; Wigtoun, Dumbartane, Quhithorne and Lochmabene (*blank*).

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Citatioun verified.
Moderator electit.
Hours of meeting.

1. The commissioner of Lynlythgow verified the citation of the burghs.
2. Andro Bell, provost of Lynlythgow, elected moderator.
3. Appointed the meetings to begin daily "after the forenones sermone," at nine, and to last till twelve noon, and in the afternoon from two till six. Regulations as to attendance, speaking, and voting, same as last year.

Forres vnlawit,
chaire agent.

4. The saids commissioneris of borrowis, haiffing examinat and tryet the commission product be George Duff, commissioner for the burgh of Forres, they fand the said George not to be ane actuall resident within the said burgh with his wyiff and familie, lyik as they haiffing pervsit his said commissioun they find the samin insufficient not ansuering to the first heid of the missiwe, and thairfore findis and declaires the said burgh to be absent fra this present conventioun, and vnlawis theme in the soume of tuentie [pundis] quhilk they ordayne thair agent to vplift and to be chairgit therwith in his comptes.

5. Act passed in terms similar to the 5th act of last general convention.

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6. Anent the saxt act of the last generall conventioun of borrowis, haldin at the burgh of Dundie the first day of Julij last, the saids commissioneris of borrowis, vnderstanding be the 39 act of the generall conventioun of borrowis haldin at the burgh of Perth the fyft day of Julij 1616 yeires, ordaning the lenth of the reill betuixt heid and heid to be halff elne and halff quarter, making the haill hesp to be fyve quarter longe of double yairne, as at mair lenth is contenit in the said act, not to haiff taken full effect, thairfore they of new ratifie and approve the said act in all the heids and articles thairof; and for better executng of the samin they ordayne ilk burgh to caus mak ane reill of yrne of the lenth foresaid, and to hing the samin vpon ther mercat croce, or in sum such vther publict plaice quhair the said commoditie of yairne is vsuallie sauld, that the foresaid lenth of the said reill may be better knawin, both to the sellers and buyaris of the said commoditie: And farder, the saids commissioneris of borrowis being informit that thair is ane vther grit fraud vsit be the selleris of the said commoditie in the telling of the yairne, quhairby the nichtboures, trafficquers thairwith, ar no les dampnifiet then in the schortnes of the reill, thairfore, and for eschewing of all farder fraud and deceit in the said commoditie, they ordayne the magistrats of ilk burgh to tak diligent tryell of all yairne cumand to thair mercattis, and diligentlie to visit thair mercattis, and such yairne as they sall find to be schorter in the hesp then is above ordaynit, or that does not containe the iust number of threids in euerie cutt thairof as the samin vsuallie sould containe, ordanis the saids magistrattis to confiscatt the samin. And ordanis ilk burgh to caus publicatioun be maid of this present act throw thair burghis vpone ane mercatt day that nane pretend ignorance, and ilk burgh to report thair diligence in publicatioun and executioun thairof to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, vnder the payne of tuentie pundis.

Outland bur-
gessis, forestal-
leris, regrait-
teris missiwe.

Lenthe of the
reill and telling
of yairne, mis-
sive.

7. Ordained the burgh of Perth to take further diligence against an indweller in Clackmannan in causing him desist from using the liberty of burghs.

Perth, outland
burgess,
missiwe.

8. Anent the 9th act of last general convention, the commissioner of Munros produced letters of horning used against three unfree traders. The commissioners accepted this for diligence, and ordained the burgh to cause the parties find caution to desist from using the liberties of burghs.

Munros, out-
land burgess,
farder dili-
gence, missiwe.

9. Ordained the burgh of Dumfries to do farther diligence against seven out-

Dumfries, out-
land burgess,
missiwe.

LINLITHGOW. land burgesses in depriving them of their liberties, and causing them find caution
6 July 1624. to desist from trading.

Haddingtoun, 10. The commissioners of Dundye and Haddingtoun, having reported regard-
outland ing the 10th act of last general convention, the latter burgh was ordained to do
burgess. farther diligence, and report to next convention.

Outland 11. Anent the 12th act of last general convention, the commissioner of
burgess, Dum- Dumfermling reported that their outland burgess had made residence in burgh
fermling, diligence. with his wife and family.

Innerkething, 12. Anent the 15th act of last general convention, the commissioners unlaue
vnlawit, charge the burgh of Innerkething in £100 for contravening the acts in electing William
agent, missiwe. Inglis to be provost at Michaelmas last, and ordained the agent to uplift the
same along with last year's unlaw. The burgh was also ordained to conform to
the acts in future.

Jedburgh con- 13. Anent the nyntein act of the last generall conventioun . . .
tra Lauder, ordanis the burgh of Jedburgh to condiscend vpon the quantitie of the
missiwe. custome vpliftet frome theme and to be particular therin; as also
ordanis the said burgh of Lauder to send thair commissioner sufficientlie
instructed to ansuer to the said complent with thair richtis and securities
for vplifting of thair said impost, and also for qualifieng of thair posses-
sion to the nixt generall conventioun.

Munros 14. Ordained the burgh of Munros to send their commissioner to next con-
contrar vention, instructed as mentioned in the 20th act of last general convention.
Edinburgh, missiwe.

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Contraversies 15. The commissioneris of borrowis beand convenit anent the mater
burghs of of the burghis of baronies and contraversies depending betuixt the saids
baronie and burghis and his Majesties frie royall borrowis and so lang debaittit betuixt
frie royall theme, mentionat in the aucht act of the last generall conventioun of
borrowis, borrowis haldin at the burgh of Dundie in the moneth of Julij last 1623
missiwe. yeires, the saids commissioneris of borrowis ordanis thair agent to
advyse and consult with the burgh of Edinburgh quhat course salbe
taiken for suppressing of the saidis burghis of baronies vsurping thair
liberties alreddie erected, and for staying thair farder growth in tyme
cuming, and to report the samin to the nixt generall conventioun of
borrowis; as also in the meane tyme recommends the said mater to
euerie burgh in particular, desyring theme to tak such course with all

the inhabitants of the said burghs of barronie that salhappin to resort to their burghis or tred within their liberties that the actes of parliament maid anent vnfrie tredders and lossing and laidning at vnfrie ports may be put to executioun, and ilk burgh to report their diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis vnder the payne of tuentie pundis.

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16. Anent the 11th act of last general convention ordained the burgh of Linlithgoe, diligence, mis-

17. Anent the 13th act of last general convention, the commissioners unlaured the burgh of Dumbar in £100 for contravending the acts "in not electing of ane proveist and in cheising of moe baillies then they hawe bein in vse to doe." The burgh was ordained to conform to the acts in their next election, and "to mak choice of such their awin nightbours quha ar merchandis, trafficquers, residents within their burgh, and beiring all portable chairges with theme, most qualified to be proveist and baillies as they hawe bein in vse of befoir."

Dumbar, un-
laye, chairge
agent.

18. Anent the auchtein act of the last generall conventioun . . . Culane, com-
the saids commissioners considering that the said burgh is licklie to cum missionie, mis-
to ane vtter decay and perish furth of their number by setting furth of ther saids commoun landis and commoun guidis, and therby ar maid vnabill to sustein anie common burdein, thairfore, and for supplieing of the necessities of the said burgh, and to prevent in tyme, if possible may be, the vtter ruine thairof, ordanis the commissioneris of borrowis to be conventit at the particular conventioun of borrowis to be haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh the 12 of this instant to tak to thair consideratioun the estait of the said burgh and to consult and conclud vpon the best meanes thai can find for prevening of thair said decay and restoring the same to thair former integritie, to quhome the saids commissioners of borrowis givis thair full powar and commissioun to doe quhat they sall think maist meit and expedient for the weill of the said burgh . . .
and ordanis James Lawtye, present commissioner of the said burgh, to attend the saids commissioners during the said conventioun.

Kirkcud-
bright, com-
moun lands.

19. Anent the 30th act of last general convention, the commissioner of Kirkcudbright reported that the Borelandis had been set to Thomas Andersoun, burgess of the burgh, for seven years for a yearly rent of £90 Scots. The commissioners accepted this for diligence and ordained the burgh to report to them when the tack expired.

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Licence to the
commissioner
of Culane and
ratificatione.

20. Compeirit James Lawtye, commissioner for the burgh of Culane, and ratifiet and approovit quhatsumeuir actes, statuttis, or ordinances alreddie sett doun or to be sett doun be the present commissioners of borrowis at this thair generall conventioun, in all the heids, articles, and claussis thairof, and in name of his said burgh band and obleist him to abyid therat, thairfore the saids commissioneris of borrowis grantis licence to the said James to depart fra this present conventioun.

Dumfreis
compt.

21. The commissioner of Dumfreis produced a certificate of the receipt of £500 for repair of their bridge and account of the employment thereof, which the commissioners accept for diligence.

Ratificatione,
commissioner
of Elgyne.

22. The commissioner of Elgyne having ratified all the acts made and to be made at this general convention, the commissioners granted licence to him to depart.

Glaissin-
wrights, foot
of glas, mis-
sive.

23. The saidis commissioneris of borrowis, vnderstanding be thair nichtboures that thair is ane gritt abuse committit be the glaissinwrights within the borrowis in the measure of the fute of glas wrocht be theme, to the grit preiudice not onlie of the inhabitantis of the saids borrowis, bot also of his Majesties haill lieges, for remeid quhairof the saids commissioneris ordanis ilk burgh to send thair commissioner sufficientlie instructed to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis anent the lenth of the said measure, with the ordour keiped be theme in all tyme preceeding be the glaissinwrights within thair burghis.

Commissione,
burroues,
anent the
transporta-
tione of wooll,
missive.

24. The saids commissioneris of borrowis beand convenit, vnderstanding that thair is grit quantities of wooll transportit furth of this realme, quhairby the pryces thairof is so raised that the workers of plaiding ar not abill to buye the same, thairfore the saidis commissioneris of borrowis remittis the same to the particular conventioun of borrowis to be haldin at Edinburgh the 12 day of this instant and ordanis thame to mein the said mater to the lordis of his Majesties counsall and to desyre theme to restraine the transportatioun thairof conforme to the actes of parliament, considdering the said woole is the sole meane quhairby the works of plaiding ar onlie intertynniet and manie poore people are therby put to work, and the saids borrowis to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

25. [Anent the 8th act of the general convention of 1622, the commissioners ordained the burghs therein named, with the addition of LINLITHGOW. 7 July 1624. Irrwyn, but excluding Edinburgh], to report thair diligence in writt in ressaiving frome the burgh of Edinburgh ane jadge of the said barrell and in keiping the forme of barrell prescryuit in the said act throwout thair haill boundis and liberties, and putting the samin to executioun in the haill heids articles and claussis thair of, ilk burgh vnder the payne of xx li., and to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun.

26. Anent the missiwe lettre direct be the lordis of his Majesties honorabill privie counsall to the present commissioneris, schawing that thai had ressauit ane lettre frome his Majestie with ane petitioun therin enclosed presentit to his Majestie be David Nairne of Sumffurd, anent the jading of the barrellis for salmond, herring, and quhytt fisch, as at mair lenth is contenit in the said lettre, the saids commissioneris of borrowis remittis the said mater to the burghis of Edinburgh and Abirdein, and ordanis theme to compeir before the lordis of his Majesties secreit counsall and oppose theme selffis against the said patent, that the samin may be in tyme resistit, to quhome the saids commissioneris of borrowis givis thair full powar and commissioun to doe therin as they sall think meittest for the weill of the borrowis, and the saids burghis to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

27. Anent the 22d act of the last generall conventioun, [the commissioners therein named having reported their proceedings,] the commissioneris of borrowis givis full powar and commissioun to the commissioneris that salbe appointit to meitt at Edinburgh the 12 of this instant to give answer to the articles sett down be the saids lordis anent the greivances alreddie presentit be the saids commissioneris of borrowis to his Majestie, and to insist with theme for redres of the saids greivances; as also givis full powar and commissioun to the saids commissioners to present quhatsumeuir vther greivances sall cum to thair knowleg quhairin thair estait is hurt and preiudgit that ordour may be taiken thairwith tymouslie, and generallie all and sindrie vther thinges to doe anent the premissis quhilk thai might doe theme selffis, ratiefieing and approving thair haill preceedings therin, and the saids burghis to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

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Ratificatiōne
particular con-
ventiōne in
Februar 1624.

Commissiōne,
conservatorie,
missive.

28. Ratified the whole proceedings and acts of the particular convention held at Edinburgh in February last.

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29. [Referring to the proceedings mentioned in the particular convention held in February last concerning the office of conservator, and letters patent purchased of Nathaniell Uduard, and considering that] his Majestie, taking notice of thair iust complent had givin warrand to the saids lordis to stay the said patent till the saids commissioners wer farder hard ; as lykwayis, considdering the said office of conservatorie to be ane office meirle concerning theme and that the said conservator is thair onlie iudge in that plaice quhair they haue one of ther grittest treds and quhose intertynniement, fies, and dewties ar onlie payit out of thair purses of thair awin guidwill allanerlie ; as lykwayis, considdering how much it concernis both the honor of the haill natioun in generall and thair credeit in particular to haiff ane sufficient and qualifiet persone of that honor and creddeit as becumes that plaice without blot or blemish, and with all taking to consideratioun the bygane cariage and behaviour of Maister Nathaniell Vduard, not onlie in intrudding him selff in the said office of conservatorie without thair consent, knowleg, and allowance, bott also in vther maters concerning the merchand tred, and thairfore and for vther caussis knawen to theme they find the said Maister Nathaniell altogether vnfitt and vnqualified for the said plaice or to beir anie office above theme, and findis it meitt and expedient that all lafull meanes be vsit for recalling of the said patent, and that all lafull oppositioun be maid to the said Maister Nathaniell thairin, and that sum guid course be taiken for satling of ane qualifiet persone in the said office of conservatorie, with consent of Sir Robert Denniestoun, present lord conservatour ; for better effectuating quhair of the saids commissioneris of borrowis gevis full powar and commissioun to the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundye, Abirdein, Stirling, Lynlythgow, Sanct Androes, Glasgow, Air, Haddingtoun, Coupar, Dysart, Kirkcaldie, Munros, Bruntyland, Craill and Anstruther Eister to meitt and conveyn at the burgh of Edinburgh the tuelff day of this instant, with continuatioun of dayis, to treat, reassone, and conclud vpone the maist expedient meane for recalling of the said patent and disinabling the said Maister Nathaniell for purchasing ane vther patent or bruiking

or joyssing ane vther plaice amongs theme during all the dayis of his lyftyme ; and to that effect to informe his Majestie, or the lords of his Majesties secreit counsall, of the iust reassones they haue to oppose against the samin, and to produce all such evidents and probatiounes as they haue for cleiring of the supplicatioun givin in in thair names to the saids lords of his Majesties secreit counsall and presentit to his Majestie of befoir, and sic lyik gives powar and commissioun to theme to deale and agrie with the said Sir Robert Danielstoun for purchassing his dimissioun of the said office or his consent in joyning ane with him, and siclyik for dealing with his Majestie for ressavng in the said plaice of such persone or persounes as they salbe pleased to nominat ; as also that they may haive the conservatour at thair nominatioun in all tyme cuming, or at leist that nane be admittit heireftir without thair speciall consent, allowance, and approbatioun, and if neid beis to elect and nominat commissioneris ane or moe as they sall think meitt for passing to his Majestie theranent, and generallie to doe all and quhatsumeuir they sall find meitt and expedient for disinabling the said Maister Nathaniell, and satling and securing of the said office in tyme heirefter ; with powar to theme to borrow such soumes of money vpon interes, ether in thair owne naymes or in the agents name, that they sall find necessar for effectuatting the premissis, as lykwayes to consult and conclud vpon the best meanes for repayment thair of and satling of the same, quhairvnto the present commissioneris, for theme selffis and in name of thair borrowis, bindis and obleissis theme, and generallie gives powar and commissioun to the saids commissioneris to doe all and quhatsumeuir they micht doe themeself if thaj wer personalie present, ratifieing and approoving all and quhatsumeuir they sall doe in the premissis.

30. Anent the supplicatioun givin in be Maister Nathaniell Vduard, the saids commissioneris of borrowis findis that they haue iust caus to be displeasit with the supplicant, ether in the mater of the soape, he haveing purchased ane restraint of the importatioun of the same, derogative to the liberties of the frie royall borrowis, and furneissing the cuntrey with worse soape then thaj wer wont to haue of befoir, as wes cleirlye verified before the lords of his Majesties counsall, for the whiche the said restraint wes recallit, as the said decret givin theranent beires ; as also in the mater of the conservatorie, haiveing intruded him selff in the same office without

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Commissione,
conservatorie,
missive.

Declarations
anent Mr
Nathaniell
Wddert.

LYNLYTHGOW.
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Declaratione
anent Mr
Nathaniell
Wddert.

thair consent and doone manie other acts in thair preiudice; and as for the greivances quhairof the said supplicant desyres to haue notice they find thair is proces depending betuixt theme and the said supplicant befor his Majestie and the lords of his Majesties secreit counsall, quhair the same salbe maid publict and verified.

Ratificatiōe,
Peblis, factor
in Campheir.
Commissiōe,
certane bur-
roues anent
Pittinweyme
and Kilranie,
support, mis-
siwe.
Support,
bridge of
Aven.

31. The commissioners agreed to the admission of David Peibles, merchant, to be factor at the town of Campheir on the usual conditions.

32. Appointed the commissioners of Dundye, Sanctandroes, Coupar and Dysart to visit and report on the harbours of Pettinweyme and Kilranie for repair of which support was craved.

33. Anent the missiwe lettre direct to the present commissioneris of borrowis frome the lordis of his Majesties most honorabill privie counsall, producit be the richt noble and potent erle the Erle of Lynlythgow, the saids commissioneris, vpone report of sum of thair nichtboures, they find the brig of Aven had neid to be repairit and that the samin is ane verie necessar brig for the cuntrey, and does concerne not onlie ane pairt of thair number bot also the haill cuntrey therabout, salbe grittumlie interest if the samyne sal becum ruinous, thairfore they promitt that quhen they sall sie anie to vndertak the said wark and hand putt therin to contribut according to thair powar for reedifieing of the samin.

Sir George
Bruce j^c. li.
missiwe.

34. Agreed to give Sir George Bruce, one of the commissioners "appointed be the lordis of the estaitt for attending the plantatioun of the kirkis, . . . for his expensis attending the said platt" £100.

Commissiōe,
certane
borroues anent
the factors in
Flanders,
missiwe.

35. Anent the 16 act of the last generall conventioun . . . and lykwayes anent the 6 act of the particular conventioun [held on 12 February last, there was produced] ane lettere direct from the saids factouris to the present commissioneris of borrowis earnestlie intreatingt theme that inrespect of the seasoun of the yeir to excuse thair absence and desyring ane vther competent day to be prefixit to theme for thair tryell, as at mair lenth is contenit in thair lettre of the dait at Campheir the second of this instant *stilo novo*; and farder, the saids commissioneris of borrowis, being informit that the saids factouris, to the grit preiudice of the merchands employers of theme, does buye or caussis buye thair staiple guids quhen the samin does come to the staiple port at ane wane mercatt, and thairefter quhen they find the mercattis ryasing they sell the said

guides to thair owne behoove and prefers the samin in selling to thair saids merchands guidis, to the grit preiudice of the saidis merchands ; and that the saids factouris ar awners of schippis and does send the samin over to Scotland laidnit with diuers sorts of merchandice vpone thair owne risk and to thair awin proffeitt, and does transport bak agayne frome Scotland such commodities as they pleis, and to this effect doeth keip and intertein servands in this cuntrey ; as lykwayes the saidis commissioneris ar informat that the saids factouris in tyme of scaircitie does buye victuall and vthers viuers before the hand and vtters the samin agayne at ane hier rate then they cost the same to the merchandis that imployes theme, to the grit preiudice not onlie of the merchandis bot also of the whole cuntrey ; as also they sell the merchands commodities to ane langer day and in vther maner then is limit to them in thair commissiouns, and does continuallie transgres the actes of borrowis, notwithstanding thai knaw the samin to haif bein lauchfullie intimat to theme, and does sindrie diuers and vthers thinges whiche if the samin be nocht tymouslie preventit will tend to the utter ruyne of all kynd of traid in these pairts. With the qubilks greivances the saids commissioneris of borrowis beand ryplie advysit, they find themeselfis greivouslie hurt and preiudgit be the saids factouris vnlauchfull dealling and tredding, and the same grawing daylie to such ane heicht that the haill tred in these plaices is lyik to be devoluit in the saids factouris handis, to the grit loss not onlie of thair estait in speciall bot also of the haill cuntrey in generall ; and thairfore ordanis the burghis that ar appointit to meitt at Edinburgh the 12 of this instant to tak the saids greivances and particulars to thair serious consideratioun, and to advyse, consult, and conclud vpone the best meanes for staying the forder growth of the saids euillis and binding vp of the saids factouris handis frome all such dealing in tyme cuming ; as also to tak ordour with theme for thair bygainne contumacie, to quhome the saids commissioneris gives thair full powar and commissioun. . . . And farder gives powar and commissioun to the saids borrowis to tak ordour anent the particular complaint gevin in be Charles Goldman, burges of Dundye, against William Weir, factour, for detening wrangouslie in his hand certain soumes of money addebted be him to the said Charles, as the said Charles complaint givin in against him thairanent mair at length beares ; and ordanis the saids burghs to produce thair diligence of thair proceedings anent the

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Commissione,
certane
borrowis anent
the factors in
Flanders,
missive.

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Commissione,
certane
borroues anent
the factors in
Flanders,
missive.

Lennox,
compts, mis-
sive.

premissis to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, and this to be ane heid of the next missive; as lykwayes gives powar and commissioun to the saids burghis to consult, deliberat, and advyse vpon the articles givin in be my lord conservatour to thame, and to doe thairin as thai sall think maist meitt and expedient.

36. Anent the 24th act of last general convention, Janmes Lennox produced his accounts of the impost granted for the ministers stipend at Campheir for the year to 1st May last. The charge amounted to £159, 4s. 6 gritt Flemish money and the discharge to £212, leaving due to the collector £52, 15s. 6 gritt.

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Price of the
ordiner in the
consergerie
hous at Cam-
pheir.

37. The commissioners of borrowis, beand convenit anent the supplicatioun gevin in be Daid Peibles, merchand, for himself and in name and behalf of Elizabeth Cant, keiper of the consergerie hous, now his spous, schawing that quhair the saids commissioners of borrowis in the generall conventioun haldin at the burgh of Dunbar the 6 day of Julij the yeur of God 1613 yeires, amongs vtheris conditiounes and iniunctiounes then sett down and agreit vpon betwix them and the maister of the said consergerie hous, they ordanit that the said maister sould intertein the merchandis efter ane honest forme as is set down in the said iniunctiounes, since the which tyme the viuers hes rissing to such ane heich rate that thai ar not abill to intertein theme with such intertynement as the plaice requyres at the rate of aucht stuires at the first sett down, at the beginning of the said consergerie hous, and thairfore craiveing thair lordships to tak the same to thair consideratioun and to modifie such ane competent rate for ilk persones ordinar as they may without lose give to the haill natioun heireftir intertynnement to thair contentment, as at mair lenth is contenit in the said supplicatioun givin in theraient, the saids commissioners of borrowes, considdering that the pryces of the viuers since the first setting down of the said ordiner hes rissin to ane double rate, as wes cleirly verified before theme, hes thairfore agreit and condiscendit, and be thir presentis agries and consents that they sall haive and tak of ilk persone for thair ordiner the soume of ten stuires, they intertynneing the saids merchandis according to the maner sett down in the saids articles and iniunctiounes, and in caice it salhappin the pryces of the saids viuers

to fall, the borrowis will modifie the pryces of the said ordiner accordinglie; and as tuitching the pryce of the wyne, ordanis the said Daud and his spous to keip the ordour sett down in the saids iniunctiounes.

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38. The saids commissioners of borrowis ordanis ilk burgh to send their commissioners sufficientlie instructed to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis for keiping of the act of parliament maid anent the sending of commissioners to parliament.

Anent com-
missioners to
parliament
missive.

39. Anent the 14th act of last general convention, the commissioners finding that the burgh of Dumfreis "keip no solide way nor course" in their elections, appointed the commissioners who are to convene on 12th inst. "to sett down ane satled forme for electing and chesing of thair saids magistrattis and counsall in tyme cuming."

Commissione,
electione
magistrats,
Dumfreis,
missive.

40. The commissioners ratified and approved the 23d act of the general convention of 1599, and ordained the conservator to intimate the same of new to the factors and see it observed.

Ratificatione
act anent
factors fies,
conservator,
missive.

41. Ordained that the agent's disbursements, amounting to £600, be paid by the burghs conform to the tax roll.

Agent, compts,
missive.

42. Granted licence to the following burghs to abide from general conventions on the usual conditions, viz., Dumfermeling for five years, and North Berwick and Rothesay for three years.

Exemptione,
Dumfermling,
North Berwick,
Rothesay.

43. Remitted to the burgh of Forres the unlaw imposed by the [4] act of this convention, "and ordanis theme to bestow the samin vpon their commone workes."

Unlaw, Forres,
remitted.

44. Ordained the burghs to send their commissioners to next convention sufficiently instructed to give answer to the supplication of James Lennox for augmentation of his fee.

Lennox,
supplicatione,
missive.

45. Andro Forret, burgess of Sanctandroes, acknowledged the receipt of £1000 granted by the [28] act of last general convention and discharged the burghs.

Dischaarge,
Forrett.

46. Compeirit the commissioneris of the burghs of Edinburgh, Lynlythgow and Hadingtoun, and maister Robert Wynrahame, agent, and grantit theme compleatlie payit of the soumes of money dew to haiff bein payit to them, conforme to the seuerall heids of the missiwe maid theranent, and dischaigit the commissioners and thair borrowis thair of euir.

Dischaarge,
Edinburgh, etc.

47. Ordained that Robert Ker, clerk of Lynlythgoe, be paid £20 for direct- ing the missives this year.

Precept,
Winrahame.

48. Dissolved the present general convention and appointed the next to be held at Glasgow, beginning on 5 July 1625.

Nixt conven-
tioun.

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12 July 1624.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Johnne Byires, Thomas Weir; Perth, Andro Gray; Dundie, Maister Williame Fergusson; Abirdein, Maister Alexander Japhray; Stirling, Johne Scherare; Lynlythgow, Andro Bell; Sanct-androes, Symeon Greg; Glasgow, Gabriell Cuninghame; Air, James Blair; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne; Couper, Robert Petersone; Dysart, David Corsan; Kirkcaldie, Johnne Colyear; Munros, Maister Williame Makkean; Bruntlyland, Williame Miklejohnne; Craill, Allane Cuninghame; Anstruther Eister, Robert Merse.

12 July 1624.

1. Johnne Byires, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

Moderator.

Grievances.

2. The commissioners of borrowis, beand convenit for obedience of the 27 act of the last generall conventioun of borrowis, haldin at the burgh of Lynlithgow the sevint day of Julij last instant, and be vertew of the commissioun therin contenit, maid ane reply to the ansueris maid be the lordis commissioneris appointed be his Majestie for heiring of the greivances of this cuntrey to the greivances proponit be the commissioneris in Julij last 1623 yeires, quhairin they condescend more particularlie as follows:—

Imprimis, quheras the saids commissioners did mein to thair lordships the monopolies inforced vpone theme they call to mynd how at the time of the presentatioun of the saids articles thair was than tuo monopolies quhairin they wer greived in strenth above thair heids, to witt, that of the soape in the handis of Mr Nathaniell Vduard, and that of the tobacco, quhairwith they hawing acquainted the lordis of his Majesties most honorabill privie counsell, the saids lordis had taikin such ordour therin as now they haue no caus to complein, for the whiche they, as they ar bund of deuty, doe rander thair lordships most hairtlye thanks, earnestlie intreating the continuance of thair favour, and that thair lordships wald be pleasit, according to thair accustomit bountye towards theme, not to suffer anie monopolles or restraints to pas before they be hard; and anent the said particular of the soape, they humblye intreat your lordships to mak publicatioun of the recalling of the said restraint

of the home bringing of forraine soape then craived be the said Maister Nathaniell at the heid borrowes of this kingdome.

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12 July 1524.
Grievances.

Anent the mater of the tanning, they desyre thair lordships to tak to thair consideratioun the supplicatioun and articles than givin in to thair lordships and to tak such ordour therin that the cuntrey may be relieved of the said greivance.

Anent that article of the coalles, ordaning the borrowis to condisceind particularlie vpon the coalheuches quhairfra the hurt than meaned did proceid, they ar informit that thair is gritt coale daylie transportit frome the heuches of Seytoun, Elphingstoun, Fawsyid, and Quhythill, and ar laidnit at the herbaries of Kerkanie, Achesouns Heaven, Fischerraw, and Mussilburgh, to the grit hurt and preiudice of the haill cuntrey, and thairfore humblie craives that thair lordships wald be pleisit to dischairge all transportatioun be sey of the saids coalles frome the saids heuchs, by oppen proclamatioun, leist that the awners of the saids coale heuches, continewing in thair former errour, may be proces of tyme bring the cuntrey to that necessitie that thai sall not know quhair to seik fewall for fyre.

Anent the patent purchassed be the laird of Bogie, the commissioners of borrowis craives that, sieing it hes pleased his Majestie to give to the borrowis the executioun of all penall statuttis of that nature within thair bounds and liberties, and hes grantit to theme the penalties thairrof, and they in continuall possessioun of the same, that thairfore it wald pleis thair lordships to recall the said patent, and to give ordour that nane of that nature may tak effect in tyme cuming, quhairby thair priueledges may not be called in questioun and they not hurt and preiudgit in thair liberties.

Anent that article ordaining the burrowes to condisceind vpon the particular quhairin they ar greived in the executioun of the penall statuttis by summonding theme from all corners of the cuntrey, and to give thair aithes vpon the saids contraventiounes without expres warrant and contenit in the saids actes, to the grit hurt and truble of the haill lieges, the commissioners desyres that the subjectes be releived of the saids greivances and that thair lordships wald condisceind that all actes and statuttis criminall quhairvpon the subjectes may be criminallie convenit, the lieges sould not be hard to give thair aithes thervpon.

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Grivances.

Anent that article quhairin it is craived that it micht be leasum to import forraine victuall and that no gritter impositioun sould be layed thervpone bot the auld custome allanerlie, which propositioun the borrowis wer desyred to bak with the best reasounes for enforcing the expedieencie thairof, the saids commissioners as of before most humblie craives that it wald pleis thair lordships that in respect, be the lawis of this cuntrey, and the practique obseruit in all vther cuntreys, the imbringers of the victuall ar cherished to dischairge all impositioun in tyme cuming, seing the samin in effect is ane restraint swa that the necessitie of the cuntrey cannot be supplied in such dew tyme or at ane so easie ane raite as the present tyme does requyre, as we haue fund by experience thir tuo yeires bygaine, for if thair ether had bein foraine victuall lying in the cuntrey, or if the merchandis handis forseing the said dearth had not been bund vp by the grit impositioun layed therupone, they micht in such dew tyme haue brocht in victuall frome the eister seyes as the scaircitie and dearth that hes bein so sensiblie felt through the haill cuntrey micht haif bein preveined, to the no small benefeit of the haill lieges, they being forced for supplieing of the necessitie to bring the same frome neirer cuntreys at quhatsoever ane hie raite, the seyis than to the eist being closed ; as also humblie crawes that efter the pryce of the quheitt does cum to ten pund the boll, the beir to aucht, and the aittes to sax pund the boll, that it micht not be lafull to transport the same furth of the cuntrey since that dearth is ane foirryner of scaircitie whiche of it selff vald be suppressed by keiping at home the said victuall for furnishing of the cuntrey.

Item, quheras of before the saids borrowes did find themeselffis heavilie preiudged be protectiones and cessioun of guides, and that thair hes bein guid lawis and constitutiones maid for frieing of the subjectes of the saids euilles, it is thairfore humblie craivit that, sieing the proveists and baillies within the saids borrowis ar daylie yit trublit by putting to libertie of so grit numbers of persounes vpone chairges without anie farder executting of the actes of parliament and sessioun maid against such lyik persounes, that thairfore such solid course may be taikin for executting the lawis alreddie maid and making others if neid beis for frieing the subjects of the saids euilles, as the feir of punischment may curb the farder growth thairof.

Anent the mater of the abuilziements, it is humblie craived that since be the act of parliament maid in the 1581 yeir of God theranent thair hes bein guid ordour taikin therin, and the haill subjectes hes framed thair abuilziementis accordingle, which ar not as yit worne out, and seing the executioun of the said act maid in the last parliament is preiudicial to theme for weiring of the saids abuilziements maid befor the same ; as lyikwayes the same is ane grit preiudice to the haill merchands and buith keipers, and tendis grittumelie to the decay of tred, as is sensiblie sein, and diminisching his Majesties customes, it is thairfore most humblie craivit that according to his Majesties guid pleasure it wald pleis thair lordships to suspend the executioun of the said act.

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12 July 1624 —
Grievances.

And anent that grievance of the borrowis of Glasgow, Air, and Dumfreis, and vthers in the west cuntrey, for paying of double custome of all merchandice imported furth or to Yreland to be transported to forraine cuntreys, quheras the rest of his Majesties lieges payis but one custome, and in specially of the burgh of Dumfreis vpon quhom the same was neuir imposed befor this last yeir ; quhitche article was remittit to thair lordships farder consideratioun, it is thairfore humblie craivit that thair lordships vald now tak sum forder ordour thairin that the complenaris may be releivit of thair said greivance.

Which haill articles abone writtin, the commissioners of borrowis profers to your lordships consideratioun, most humblie intreating your lordships that his Majesties most princelie and royall intentioun, by your lordships laboures and travaylles, may tak the intendit effect, and the lieges relievit of thair saids burdenis and greivances.

13 July 1624.

3. At the request of my lord conservator, the commissioners continued, till Factors. 15th March, consideration of the matters referred to in the 35th act of last general convention, and ordained that the factors should be warned then to attend.

4. Anent the 29th act of last general convention regarding the conservator, the commissioners, "for better effectuating of the premissis," constituted Mr Johnne Hay, common clerk of Edinburgh, their commissioner, with full power to act for them in the matter, "and that according to the iniunctiounes to be givin him to be subscriuit be the saids commissioners ; and if neid beis they ordane the said

Commissione,
Hay, conserva-
tor.

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Commissioner,
Hay, conserva-
tor.

Maister Johnne to pas to his Majestie, and as commissioner for theme to deale with his Majestie theranent, and ordanis Maister Patrik Hamiltoun, thair agent, to concur and assist the said Maister Johnne Hay in the said mater." For payment of his expenses, the commissioners granted him 2000 merks, which sum was borrowed from George Suittie, merchant, burghess of Edinburgh, and each burgh was ordained to send their commissioner to next general convention instructed to grant an impost for repayment

15 July 1624.

Ansuer to the
grievances.

5. The commissioners of borrowis, beand convenit anent the mater of the greivances, compeirit Mr Robert Winrahame, agent, and producit the lordis ansueris maid to the reply gevin in be theme the [12] of this instant, quhairof the tennour followis : Apud Edinburgh decimo quarto die mensis Julij 1624. The quhilk day, in presens of the lordis commissioneris apointit be his Majestie for heiring of the greivances of the subjectes of the kingdome, compeirit the saids commissioners of borrowis and gair in a reply to the ansuers maid be the saids lordis commissioneris to the articles and greivances givin in be the commissioneris of borrowis in the moneth of Julij 1623 yeires ; quhilk reply being hard and considderit be the saids lordis, they fand the first article concerning the tuo monopolis of soape and tobacco to be satisfied, to witt, that of the soape by the act of counsall quhairby the restraint of importatioun of forraine soape is ordanit to stand in force allanerlie till the 15 day of Julij instant, quhairof they ordayne publicatioun to be maid vpone the 16 of this instant at the mercatt croce of Edinburgh, and thereafter at vthers plaices as the occasioun sall fall out, and that of the tobacco by the act of counsall maid and publishit anent the forme of vplifting of the custome of the same.

Anent the second, thrid, and fourt articles tuitching the tanning, the coalles, and Bogies patent, ordanis the pairties quhome it concerneth to be warnit to the 21 day of this instant and to ansuer to the articles and to heir and sie ordour tane theranent.

Anent the fyft article tuitching citatiounes, for executioun of penal statuttis, and chairgeing of pairties to give thair aith vpon thair contraventioun, the saids lordis ordanis the saids commissioners of borrowis to condiscend vpone the particular greivances comprehendit vnder this article.

Anent the saxt article, tuitching the victuall, becaus ane grit manie of the subjectes of this kindome, speciallie noblemen, barrones, and gentlemen, and labourers of the grund, hes interest in that mater, the saids lordis findis it meitt that thai be hard, and thairfore apointis the last Tysday of Nouember for heiring of such speciall barrones and gentlemen as salbe writtin for in this earand, and ordanis sum commissioneris of the borrowis to attend that day.

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15 July 1624.
Ansuer to the
grivances.

To the rest of the articles tuitching protectionis and cessioun of guidis, the mater of abuilziements, and the particular of the borrowis of Dum-freis, Glasgow, and Air, tuitching the double custom of guidis cuming to and fra Yreland, salbe ansuerit vpon the 21 of this instant.

And becaus the whole commissioneris foresaids may not convenientlie attend this bissines, the saids lords advyse theme to nominat and appoint sum of theme, authorized with commissioun, to attend, quhilk salbe als sufficient as the whole number attendit.

And anent the first, concerning the monopoles, ordanis the agent to caus rais lettres of publicatioun and sie the samin published; and anent the mater of the tannage, coalles, and Bogies patent, givis full powar and commissioun to the burghis of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Lynlythgow, Hadding-toun, Kirkcaldye, Bruntlyland and Dysart to compeir before the saids lordis and to insist in thair naymes with thame for redressing of the saids grievances the tuentie ane day of this instant and vther dayes neidfull, as also to insist for redres of the mater of protectiones and abuilziements; and anent the penall statuttis, ordanis theme to condescend vpon the particulars and to insist for redres of the said executioun; and anent the article tuitching the victuall, continewit to the last Tysday of November nixt, ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to wrytt to the saids borrowis for meitting and conveyning at the said burgh ane certan day before as they sall think meitt, to whome the present commissioners of borrowis, with the said burgh of Edinburgh, they geve thair full powar and commissioun and to insist with the saids lords theranent as is con-teynit in the articles maid and presentit of befor.

16 July 1624.

6. The commissioners of borrowis beand convenit anent my lord conservatour his desyre for frieing of him of the soume of saxtein pundis

Lennox, j^c li.
conservator.

EDINBURGH.
16 July 1624.

Lennox, jc li
conservator.

xiiij s., gritt, payit be him to James Lennox, collectour of the impost grantit to him and the minister, the saids commissioners ordanis the said collectour to continew in vplifting of the said impost; and as for that pairt of his stipend payed be the said conservatour, the saids commissioners, for themeselffis and in name of the haill borrowis, obleissis theme at the fitting of his nixt yeirs comptes to tak course for payment thairof; for the quhilk, the said conservatour, compeirand, renuncit and dischairgit, lyik as he be thir presentis renunces and dischairgis quhatsumeuir dewtyes grantit to him be quhatsumeuir actes of borrowis maid or consaived in his favouris or vtherwayes to be vplifted in anie vther pairtis or plaices in the Law Cuntreys excepting the staiple port allanerlie, sua that be this act the said conversatouris deutyes in Holland is dischairgit be him and renuncit in favouris of the said borrowis.

Precep
Sutie ij^c li.
Lennox

7. Ordained that James Lennox be paid for his expenses in coming to London and this country £200, which sum was borrowed from George Suitte on the same terms as the loan mentioned in the 4th act of this convention.

Culane elec-
tione, com-
moun lands,
missive.

8. [Anent the 18th act of last general convention,] ordanis the said burgh of Culane as of before to produce to the nixt general conventioun of burrowis the forme of the electioun of thair magistratis and counsall at Michaelmes nixt and to proceed therintill conforme to the actis of parliament and borrowis, and lykwayis to produce ane perfynt rentall of thair commoun guid and commoun landis, together with thair diligence in roupping, imploying, and putting the same to the hiest availl; as also to produce the forme of the setting furth of thair saids commoun landis, the persounes naymes, setters thairof, together with thair names to quhome the saids landis wer sett, and for quhat dewtye, together with thair principall chartour of the samin landis, and last to produce thair diligence in repairing thair tolbuith and commoun streittis, vnder the payne of ane hundreth pundis.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH,
10 August
1624.

Edinburgh, Johnne Byires, Thomas Weir; Perth, Andro Gray; Dundye, Maister Williame Fergusson; Abirdcin, Maister Alexander

Japhray ; Stirling, Johnne Scherare ; Lynlythgow, Andro Bell ; Sanct-
andrees, Johnne Lepar ; Glasgow, Gabriell Cuninghame ; Haddingtoun,
Maister James Cokburne ; Couper, Muntros (*blank*).
EDINBURGH,
10 August
1624.

10 August 1624.

1. Johnne Byires, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator. Moderator.

11 August 1624.

2. The commissioneris of borrowis beand convenit, forsamikle as
Maister Nathaniell Vddert hawing purchest of his Majestie ane patent of
the plaice of the conservatorie of the priueleges of this natioun in the
Law Cuntreyis, and for caussis and consideratiounes mooving him, and
respect borne be him to the frie borrowis of this realme, hes demittit the
same, with all richt and tytill quhilk he hes or may procure in and to the
said plaice or reversioun thairof in favouris of the saids frie borrowis, and
hes maid and constitut theme his cessioneris and assignayis thairto, as his
dimissioun and lettres of assignatioun maid theranent of the dait at Edin-
burgh the 20 day of Julij last in this instant yeir of God 1624 yieres at
mair lenth beires ; and the present commissioneris, considdering that the
said dimissioun is the best meanes for furthering of thair desyre in the
said mater of the conservatorie, hes, in retributioun of his guid affectioun
borne to theme as said is, grantit and gevin, lyik as they be thir presentis
grantis and givis to the said Maister Nathaniell, for his said favourable
dimissioun and translatioun of his richt, the soume of sex thousand merkis
vsuall money of this realme, quhilk they ordayne George Suttie, merchand,
to pay to him presentlie. [This sum the commissioners agreed to
refund by an impost to be granted next general convention on goods
transported to or from the Low Countries].
Precept,
Suttie, Vduert,
missive.

3. The commissioneris "having experience of the trust, qualificatioun, and
sufficiencie of Maister Patrik Hammiltoun in thair seruice," agreed to recommend
his Majesty to confer the office of conservator upon him.
Recommendatione,
Hammiltone.

4. [Mr Patrik Hammiltone appeared and bound and obliged himself, in
case his Majesty should be pleased to confer the office of conservator upon
Hammiltone.

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11 August
1624.
Hamiltone.

him], not to transfer, dispoone, nor renunce the said plaice in favouris of anie vther persoun quhatsumeuir, without the speciall consent and approbatioun of the commissioneris of borrowis obtenit to that effect; as lykwayes to compeir at the nixt generall conventioun . . . and to ressave and vnderlye such conditiones and articles as others conservatouris hes doone in tymes bypast, and such other as they sall pleis to injoyne him. And ordanis ilk burgh to be requyrit to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructed to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis for setting doun of the saids iniunctiounes.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH,
1st October
1624.

Edinburgh, Johnne Byires, Thomas Weir; Perth, Andro Gray; Dundie, Thomas Halyburnetoun; Abirdein, (*blank*); Striviling, Johnne Scherare; Lynlythgow, James Glen; Sanctandroes, Johnne Lepare; Glasgow, Johnne Cuninghame; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne; Dysart, David Corsan.

1 October 1624.

Moderator.

1. Johnne Byires, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

Commissione,
Edinburgh,
conservator.

2. The saidis commissioneris of borrowis, beand conveuit, haiving vnderstud be the commissioneris of Edinburgh of the proceedings of Maister Patrik Hamiltoun anent the mater of conservatorie, and quha was recomendit to his Majestie be the saids borrowis, and taking to thair consideratioun that they haif vpone thair awin chairges and expenssis procurit for Maister Nathaniell Vdduard his richt of the reversioun of the said plaice, and that it is necessar that sum forder course be taiken for satling of that mater, and sum meanes be vsit for obtaining of his Majestie the reversioun of the said plaice efter the deceis of the present titular in favour of such persones as they sall nominat, the saids commissioneris gevis powar and commissioun to the burgh of Edinburgh to deale with his Majestie theranent; and give it sall happin that the said burgh sall haue occasioun to send anie commissioneris to his Majestie, they give powar to the said burgh to instruct thair commissioner in the said particular also of

the conservatorie and desyres theme to interpone thair best moyanes for ob-
 tening of the reversioun of the said plaice, and as occasioun sall offer the
 saids borrowis promittis to remember thair commissioneris expensis.

EDINBURGH,
 1 October
 1624.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Johnne Byres, Thomas Weir; Dundye, Thomas Haly-
 burnetoun; Abirdein, Maister Alexander Jaffray; Stirling, Johnne Sher-
 are; Lynlithgow, James Glen; Sanctandroes, Robert Taelyour; Glasgow,
 Gabriel Cuninghame; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne; Bruntyland,
 George Littiljohnne; Selkirk, Maister Johnne Ker; Perth, Air, Coupar,
 Kirkcaldie, Montros, Dumfreis and Jedburgh (*blank*).

EDINBURGH,
 22 November
 1624.

22 November 1624.

1. Johnne Byres, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator. Moderator.

3 December 1624.

The commissioners of borrowis beand convenit, quheras the saids
 commissioners being convenit diuers tymes before the lordis apointed
 be his Maiestie for heiring of the greivances of this cuntrey, and haiffing
 insisted with the barkers and tanners for redres of that their greivance
 in the newe forme of tanning and barking of lether introduct be my
 Lord Erskene and impositioun laid thervpone vplifted be him, and the
 said mater being diuers tymes debaitted before the saids lordis, and thair
 reassounes being hard and considerit, the saids lordis hes concludit ane
 tryell to be taiken of the said new introduct forme of tanning and als of
 the ald forme vsit before within this cuntrey, and to that effect hes
 appointit Ninian and Archibald Andersounes to bark and tan hyides
 efter the auld Scottes forme of barking and tanning, as lyikwayes
 tua Inglis men for the pairt of my Lord Erskene for barking and
 tanning of als manie hyides in the said new forme; and hes apointed
 certan oversiers for baith the saids pairties, to quhome they haiff committit
 the oversieing of the said barking, as the act of counsall of the dait the
 . . . day of November last bypast at mair lenth beires; quhairanent it is

Commissione,
 Edinburgh,
 tanning, vic-
 tuall, conserva-
 torie, missive.

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3 December
1624.

Commissione,
Edinburgh,
tanning, vic-
tuall, conserva-
torie, missive.

thocht fitt and expedient that, sua soone as the said lether salbe barkit and tannit and the said work brocht be baith the saids pairties to ane full perfectioun, the burgh of Edinburgh sall conveyin sua manie of the borrowis as thai sall think expedient and of the tanners for insisting for obtaining of ane decisioun in the said mater before the saids lordis, sieing that notwithstanding of the said tryell thair vther reassounes proponit alreddie and to be proponit is reseruit to theme. And siclyk the commissioners of borrowis haiffing meynit themeselffis to the saids lordis anent the impost and exorbitant custome of late yeires imposit vpone victuall importit to this cuntrey, which is in effect and equivalent to ane restraint don, the saids lordis haiffing diuers tynes mett thairvpone, and haiffing convenit before theme sindrie of the nobilitie and gentrie as haiffing interest in the said mater, with the saids borrowis, at lenth efter grit ressoning and diuers meittings, hes concludit that ane number of the nobilitie and gentrie out of all the pairtis of the cuntrey salbe convenit before theme betuixt and the fyftein day of Merche nixttocum with ane number of the saids borrowis, to the effect that thair reassounes both anent the importing of victuall at all tymes, as also anent the exporting of victuall quhen the samin is within certain pryces, to be condescendit vpone, being hard and considderit, they may ressaive ane finall ansuer therin; anent the whitch mater it is thoct fitt that the reassounes enforcing that article of thair grievance salbe sett down in writt be the burght of Edinburgh with the advyse of certain vther nichtbouris; as lyikwayes that the said burght sall conveyin certain of the borrowis as thai sall think expedient betuixt and the said day for insisting in the said mater before the saidis lordis. And last, the saids commissioners of borrowis beand at this tyme convenit anent the mater of the conservatorie, and vnderstanding that the burght of Edinburgh, according to the commissioun givin to theme be the last particular conventioun of borrowis haldin at the said burght the [13] day of [July] last bypast, had imployet Maister Johnne Hay, thair commissioner to deale with his Maestie thairanent, and sieing that the said Maister Johnne hes not yit returnit ane ansuer frome his Maestie, it is thoct fitt that the said burght of Edinburgh, efter the said Maister Johnne sall cum home and mak his report of his proceidings in the said mater, sall conveyin sua manie of the speciall borrowis and requyre theme to send

thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed, with full commissioun to doe in the said mater as thai convenand sall think most fitt for the wealfair of thair estait. And ordains the burght of Edinburgh to report thair diligence heiranent anent the haill premissis to the nixt generall convention of borrowis.

EDINBURGH.
3 December
1624.
Commissione,
Edinburgh, &c.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Johnne Byires, Thomas Weir ; Perth, Andro Wilsoun ; Dundye, Thomas Halyburnetoun ; Abirdein, Maister Alexander Japhray ; Stirling, Johnne Scherar ; Lynlithgow, Thomas Eduard, elder ; Sanctandroes, Johnne Lepar ; Glasgow, Patrik Bell, younger ; Air, (*blank*) ; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne ; Couper, Robert Petersone ; Dysart, Maister Daud Kinghorne ; Kirkcaldie, Thomas Lamb ; Munros, James Scott ; Bruntyland, Williame Miklejohnne ; Craill, Johnne Markesoun ; Anstruther Eister, Robert Merser.

EDINBURGH,
15 March 1625.

15 March 1625.

1. Johnne Byires, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.
2. The agent verified the citation of the factors in Campheir, twelve in number, to attend this convention.

Moderator.
Factors citatione verified.

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3. The commissioner for Edinburgh reported the proceedings of that burgh since last particular convention regarding the office of conservator, and John Hay also reported the steps taken by him. The commissioners ratified what had been done, and ordained the burghs to send their commissioners to next general convention sufficiently instructed thereanent.

Ratificatione,
Edinburgh,
with the conservator.

4. Compeirit Sir James Lermonth of Balcomie, knight, and declared that sum of the nichtboures had regraitted to him that thai had sustenit sum los in thair ships and guids throw laik of ane beikin vpon the land at Fyfnes, and considdering that the hous of Balconie was ane convenient plaice for setting ane licht at the said land for preventing of such inconvenients in tyme cuning, and thairfore desyrit the saids commissioners

Licht, Fyfnes,
Balcomie,
missive.

EDINBURGH.
16 March 1625.

Licht, Fyfenes,
Balcomie,
missive.

Submissio,
factors.

their advyse and approbatioun in the samin, with the quhilk propositioun the saids commissioners being ryplie advysit they ordane the same to be eikit to the generall missiwe, and ilk burgh be requyrit to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed to the nixt generall conventioun in the said mater.

5. Forsamikle as Williame Weir, Hector Patersoun, Robert Battie, Daid Porterfeild, Thomas Ewing, Thomas Cuninghame and Johne Greir-sone, factouris for the natioun at thair staple port at Campheir in Zeland, for obedience of the charge givin to theme for ansuering at the instance of Maister Robert Wynrahame, agent for the borrowis, for transgressing of certan actes and statuttis maid anent factouris and thair dewtyes in thair office, as the saids sumonds beires, compeirand and being demandit in particular anent the premissis, confessed thair oversicht in diuers pointes layed to thair charge, and thairfore submittit themeselffis in the borrowis will, and obleissed theme to obey and obserue all such statuttis as is alreddie sett down or that they sall think meit to be sett down for the weill of the natioun, vnder such paines as sall pleis the borrowis to modifie ; with the which offer the saids borrowis being advysit, and haiving considerit what is maist expedient for the weill of the natioun trafficquing in these pairtis, hes sett down the articles vnderwrittin to be observit be the saids factouris and thair successouris in all tyme cuming:--

First, the saids commissioners of borrowis, considering quhat hurt and skaith the merchandis tredders in Flanders hes sustenit in tymes bygane be occasioun of the factouris thair buying and selling of merchandice and not contenting themeselffis with thair office of factorie to the natioun, thairfore thai of new statuttis and ordanis that the saids factouris, be theme selffis thair servands or freinds, buye na Scottes waires bot to the behoove of the merchands that imployis theme, vnder the payne of tinsell of thair office and friedome and all priueleges of the natioun, and fundis and declaires that they sould content theme selffis with thair office of factorie to the natioun.

Item, the saids commissioners of borrowis, vnderstanding that the saids factouris, notwithstanding of diuers actes of borrowes, does tak factour fie of the merchands geir at the first selling, baith of fraucht and vthers chairges, quhair thai aucht na mair bot of the frie money to the wairing, to the saids merchands grit hurt and skaith, thairfore thai of

new ordaine the saids factouris to desist and ceis fra all taking of factor fie bot of the frie money to the wairing allanerlie, vnder the paine foresaid. EDINBURGH.
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Item, the saids commissioners, vnderstanding that the saids factouris becummes factouris for the cuntrey men and theme in West Flanders and Holland, both in buyeing of Scottes staiple waires to thair behoove, as also in selling of thair waires to the natioun, thairfore the saids commissioners statuttis and ordanis that in na tyme heirefter that the saids factouris tak not in hand to buye anie Scottes staiple waires ather to thair awin behoove or to the behoove of anie of the cuntrey people, and that they buye na cuntrey waires for theme selffis to sell againe to the natioun, or be factouris for anie of the said cuntrey people in selling of thair guidis, bot that thai suffer and permitt the said cuntrey people to cum down and buye the saids Scottes waires theme selffis, and that they be no collusioun, hinder, or impd the saids Scottes merchands frome buying of the saids waires at als easie ane raitt as they wer wont to doe, vnder the payne foresaid. Submission,
factoris.

Item, the saids commissioners of borrowis, vnderstanding that sindrie vnfriemen, not being burgessis and actuall residents within anie of his Maiesties frie royall borrowis, does tred and trafficque in the said Law Cuntreyis, thairfore the saids commissioners of borrowis inhibittes and dischairges the saids factouris from ressaving of anie of the saids vnfriemens guidis or being factouris for theme in anie tyme heireftir.

Item, the saids commissioners of borrowis inhibits and dischairges the saids factouris frome being awners of anie ships or bushes that treds to Scotland in pairt or in haill vnder the payne foresaid.

Item, the saids commissioners of borrowis, being informit that the saids factouris, vnderstanding of anie scaircitie or dearth of victuall within this cuntrey, does buye or caus to be bocht be sum of thair freinds or acquaintances the victuall befor the hand, quhairof they scair in the proffit, to the hurt not onlie of the merchands tredders bot also of the haill cuntrey, thairfore they inhibite and dischairge the saids factouris of all such kynd of dealling in tyme cuming vnder the payne foresaid.

Item, the saids commissioners of borrowis statuttis and ordanis that the saids factouris tak no gritter dewtie for thair loftis and sellers bot as they wer accustomit of ald, viz., tua stuires of the hundreth skynnis

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Submissio,
factoris.

ilk moneth, and ane stuire and ane half for ilk daiker of hyds in the moneth, and for vther guids conforme thairto.

Item, the saids commissioners ordanis the saids factouris quhen they sell anie skynnes or hyds that they give bot tua to the hundreth skynnis and nane of the hyds as wer vsit of befor.

Item, the saids commissioners statuttis and ordanis that the saids factouris haiffing sauld anie of thair merchands guids to ane day for half money in hand that they give no forder day for the money in hand bot mak payment presentlie of the money at the selling of the saids guids, and for the rest sauld be ane day that thai keip the auld accustomed forme vsit in the cuntrie.

Item, the saids commissioners statuttis and ordanis that quhair the saids factouris sellis anie merchands guids to ane day and ressavis fra the buyars ane breiff, that the saids factouris mak guid the saids breiffs to thair merchands.

Item, the saids commissioners statuttis and ordanis that quhen they sall ressaive anie guids out of this cuntrey, if they sall find anie of the saids guids spoylit be the skipper in his defalt or in defalt of the ship, or that the samin does inlaik of the number givin vp to theme be the merchands, that the saids factouris seik reparatioun of the saids guids sua spoylit or inlaiking before they mak payment to him of the fraucht.

Item, quheras it hes bein statut and declairit be the actes of parliament and constitutiounes of this realme, that the merchands onlie be assessouris to the conservatour in all his courts, yit, notwithstanding, the saids factouris does intrude theme selffis and sittis with the conservatour and his deputtes daylie in his courts, misregairding the merchands to quhome they ar servands, and notwithstanding that the saids merchands hes oft actioun against theme befor the said conservatour and his deputtes, for remeid quhairof and better ordour and decencie to be keipit in the saids courts in all tyme heirefter, the saids commissioners of borrowis inhibittes and dischairges the saids factouris frome sitting at court with the said conservatour or his deputtes in anie time heirefter, vnder the payne foresaid.

Item, the saids commissioners statuttis and ordanis that the saids factouris, in all tymes concerning thair office and dischairge of thair dewtye therin, sall submitt theme selffis to the commissioners of borrowis

and sall ressaive sic iniunctiounes and instructiounes for governing theme selffis in thair offices as thai sall think meit and expedient, and sall obey all statuttis maid or to be maid be theme in thair generall or particular conventiounes, vnder payne of forfaitour of thair office and deprivation of all priueleges of the natioun in all tyme heirefter.

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Submission,
factors.

Item, the saids commissioners statuttis and ordanis that the saids factouris doe nothing in preiudice of the consergerie hous vnder the paine foresaid bot keip the liberties and priueleges of the same inviolable.

Item, quheras it hes bein statut and ordanit that all factouris that does exerce or sall exerce the office of factorie in Campheir, or quhair the staiple of the natioun sould happin to remayne, sould find caution that thair merchands quha employis theme sould ressaive iust compt, reckoning, and payment of thair intromissioun with thair guidis, waires, and money; and the present commissioners of borrowis considering that the samin is verie necessar and expedient for the merchands, thairfore thai ordaine the present factours, such of theme as hes not fund caution, and all vtheris factouris to be admittit heirefter, to find caution to the effect foresaid, vnder the payne foresaid.

Item, quhensoeur it salhappin that the saids commissioners sall caus warne the saids factouris or anie of theme for ansuering before theme for quhatsumeuir caussis, the saids commissioners declaires that the saids factouris salbe astricted and obleist to compeir personalie befor theme in thair generall or particular conventiounes, vnder the paynes foresaid.

Which articles being intimat to William Weir, David Peibles, Hector Patersone, Robert Battie, David Porterfeild, Thomas Ewing, Thomas Cuninghame and Johnne Greirsone, they band and obleist theme to keip and vnderlye the same vnder the paines foresaid and quhatsumeuir vther farder it sall pleis the saids commissioners injoyne.

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6. The commissioners, for sufficient reasons, excused the absence of William Wallis, Cuninghame, and Thomas Wallis and James Weir, factors in Campheir, on condition that they keep the articles above set forth, and also excused the absence of James Cuninghame and directed him to be cited to appear at next general convention.

Cuninghame,
Weir, excused,
missive.

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Lennox, jr. li
agent.
Edinburgh,
victuall,
missive.

Conservator
dewes in Hol-
land, missive.

St Androes,
etc., fisching,
missive.

7. Ordained that James Lennox, conservator's clerk, be paid £100 for "his paines in seiking out such thinges as concernis the plaice of the conservatorie."

8. Anent that article of the missiwe concerning the mater of the victuall, the saids commissioners, haiving red and considerit the saids articles drawin vp in the said mater, they give powar and commissioun to the burgh of Edinburgh to insist with the lords of his Maiesties secret counsall, and to present the said articles that they may ressaive ane answer therin, and, according to thair ansuere, ordanis the saids burgh to give notice to the remanent borrowis as they sall find occasioun, and to report thair diligence to the nixt generall conventioun, and the same to be eikit to the generall missiwe.

9. Forsamikle as Sir Robert Danielstoun, present conservatour, in the conventioun of borrowis haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh the saxtein day of Julij last, for the caussis contenit in ane act of the said conventioun, assignit in favours of the saids borrowis all his dewties dew to be vpliftit to him of quhatsumeir ships arryving in Holland or vther plaices of the Low Cuntreyis, excepting the staiple port allanerlie, and the saids commissioners considering that it is necessar that sum course be taiken for vplifting thair of, thairfore thai ordaine the same to be eikit to the missiwe, and that ilk burgh be requyrit for sending thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed in the said mater to the said nixt generall conventioun.

10. The saids commissioners, being informit that thair hes bein grit abuses committit this last yeir in the fisching of the Yles, and that thair hes bein grit oversichts committit in the pakking of the saids fisches, quhairby the same hes provin verie vnsufficient, to the grit hurt of the merchand tredders with the saids waires, thairfore the saids commissioners ordanis the burghis of Glasgow, Sanct Androes, Kirkcaldie, Dysart, Craill, Anstruther, Eister and Wester, Bruntyland, Kinghorne and Dundye to send with thair commissioners to the nixt generall conventioun thair exact diligence in writt in putting to executioun the actes of borrowis maid anent the fisching and pakking and peilling of hering, and in speciall the 8 act of the conventioun haldin at Dumfries the thrid day of Julij 1622 yeires; and ordanis this to be eikit to the generall missiwe, and ilk burgh to be requyrit to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed for preventing of such lyik inconveniences

intyme cuming, and lyikwayes ordanis the burghs of Dunbar and Kilranie to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed in the said mater to the said nixt conventioun and to produce thair diligence in writt thair-
anent.

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St Androes,
etc., fiscuing,
missiwe.

11. Comperit William Weir, [and five other factors in Campheir, and found caution] that they sall doe thair leill and trew dewtye in thair effares and mak iust compt, reckning, and payment of all and quhatsum-
euir guids merchandice or money it sall happin theme to intronett
with.

Weir, etc.,
factors and
their cau-
tioners.

GENERAL CONVENTION. *held at* GLASGOW.

Edinburgh, Johnne Byires, Williame Nemock ; Perth, Andro Gray ;
Dundye, Thomas Halyburnetoun ; Abirdein, Alexander Japhray ; Stirling,
Johnne Scherar ; Lynlythgow, Robert Ker ; Sanctandros, Johnne
Lepar ; Glasgow, Gabriell Cuninghame ; Air, Johnne Osburne ; Dysart,
Alexander Simpsoun ; Hadingtoun, Maister James Cokburne ; Kirkcaldye,
Thomas Lamb ; Munros, James Williamesoun ; Couper, Robert Piter-
soun ; Anstruther Eister, Robert Mercer ; Dumfreis, Frances Irwing ;
Innernes, Robert Baillie ; Bruntlyland, William Miklejohnne ; Innerketh-
ing, Williame Blaikburne ; Kinghorne, Johnne Kirkcaldye ; Brichen,
Johnne Vdnay ; Irwing, James Scott ; Jedburgh, Alexander Kirkton ;
Wigtoun, Johnne Murdoch ; Pettinweyme, William Stevinsoun ; Dum-
fermeling, be exemptione and ratificatione produced be agent ; Dumbar-
tane, Robert Campbell ; Ramfrow, Johnne Spreull ; Lanerick, Gedioun
Jak ; Abirbrothok, be exemptioun and ratificatioun producit be Munros ;
Peibles, Johnne Lowes ; Craill, Patrik Hunter ; Selkirk, Williame
Mitchell ; Culros, Patrik Keir ; Dumbar, George Purves ; Forfar, be
ratificatioun producit be Dundie ; Forres, Hew Barclay ; Rutherglen,
be exemptioun and ratificatioun producit be Johnne Pinkartoun ;
Northberuick, be exemptioun and ratificatioun producit be Haddingtoun ;
Lauder, Mark Sandersoun ; Kilranie, Johnne Borthuik ; Annand, be
ratificatioun producit be agent ; Elgyne, Kirkecudbricht, Thayn, An-
struther Wester, Bamff, Quhithorne, Rothesay, Culane, Lochmaben, and
Sanquhar (*blank*).

GLASGOW.
5 July 1625.

GLASGOW.
July 1625.

5 July 1625.

Citatioun
verifet.

Moderator.

Houres of
meitting.

Bell, Touch,
agent, missive.

Innernes, un-
freemen,
missive.

Outland bur-
gessis, regrait-
ters, forestal-
leris.

Act, measure
of the fute of
glas, missive.

1. The commissioner of Glasgow verified the citation of the burghs.
2. Gabriell Cuninghame, first in commission for Glasgow, elected moderator.
3. Hours of meeting and regulations as to attendance, speaking, and voting, same as last general convention.
4. Ordained the agent to take action against Patrik Bell and William Touch, indwellers in Leven, and cause them to desist from usurping the liberties of free royal burghs.
5. Ordained the burgh of Innernes to charge four indwellers in Comptoun to desist from using the liberties of free royal burghs.
6. Act passed in terms similar to the 5th act of last general convention.
7. Anent the 23 act of the last generall conventioun concerning the measure of ane constant fute of glas to be obseruit be the hail glaissin wrichts of this realme in the measuring of thair fute work, the saids commissioners, considering of the bygain abuse in the said measure through the grit diuersitie thair of, and how that his Maiesties hail lieges, als weill to burgh as landward, hes bein through the disconformitie of the said measure grittumlie preiudgit, and that no inconueniencie sould befall theme in tyme cuming hes thocht fitt that thair be ane constant measure and lenth of the said fute of glas sett down to be observed be the saids glaissin wrichts in the measuring of thair worke in all tyme cuming; and, haiffing conferred the lenth of the said measures produced be ane grit number of the present commissioners, they find that for eschewing of all fraud that the said fute of glas aucht and [sould] contain in lenth ane full quarter of ane elne; and thairfore hes statut and ordanit, lyik as they be thir presentis declaires, statuttis, and ordanis that the lenth of the said fute sall in all tyme cuming contain ane full quarter of ane elne, and ordanis the glaissin wrichtis of the hail borrowis of this realme to keip and observe this measure in all tyme cuming, vnder such paines as sall pleis the magistrattes of the said burgh whair the saids glaissin wrichts sall work the said work to injoyne vnto theme; and ordanis the magistrattis of ilk burgh to see this present act put to executioun, and ilk commissioner present to intimat this present ordinance to thair burgh at thair homecoming, and the saids burghs to thair glaissin wrichts and hail inhabitants, and to report thair diligence in intimatting

and keeping heirof to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, vnder the payne of xx lib.

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8. Anent the 6th act of last general convention, the commissioners found that the burghs whom the matter therein referred to did most concern had satisfied the act, and they ordained the same to be put in execution in all time coming.

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keiped.

9. Anent the 7th act of last general convention, the commissioner of Perth produced an act of their court by which William Andersoun enacted himself not to usurp the liberties of free burghs.

Andersone,
Perth, dili-
gence.

10. The commissioners unlawed the burgh of Munros in £20 for not doing diligence against unfree traders, as required by the 8th act of last general convention, and ordained that burgh to use diligence and report to next general convention.

Monrose,
contra certan
duellers in
Stainhive.
Auchinblae,
diligence,
missive.

11. [Mr Johnne Hay, town clerk of Edinburgh, reported the proceedings taken with regard to the office of conservator since last general convention. After narrating what is contained in the acts of the particular conventions, the report proceeds thus:] As lyikwayes the saids commissioners did wryte to his Majestie in the said mater, quhairvpone it pleased his Maiestie to recall the said patent grauntit to the said Maister Nathaniell, and to recommend to the burgh of Edinburgh Maister Patrik Drummond, vpone quhome it pleased his Maiestie to confer the reversioun of the said plaice, as his Maiesties letter, quhairoff the tennour followis, at mair lenth beires:—Supra scribitur, JAMES, R. Trustie and weilbelouit, we greit you weill. We wer maid heirtofoir so far to give way to your desyre as, haiffing grauntit the office of conservatorie of the priuileges of our natioun in the Law Cuntreyis, in reversioun, to Maister Nathaniell Vduard, we wer pleased vpone your objectioun of vnfitnes of the persoun to recall oure said graunt; and now, perfytlie vnderstanding the sufficiencie, qualificatioun, and aptitud of Maister Patrik Drummond for dischairging of that plaice, we haue maid speciall choice of him for that effect, and thairfore haue thocht guid by these presentis to recommend him to yow, willing yow if anie thing you haue to object against him to aduerteis ws thairof by your lettre, vtherwayes to give way to our graunt and accept of him as one speciall choice by oureselff to performe oure service in these pairtes whiche our conformitie to your pleasure salbe to ws verie acceptable; so we bid you fairwell. Gevin at Newmarket the 14 of Novembir 1624. And thairefter the said burgh

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of Edinburgh considdering how necessar it was that befor the said Maister Patrik his patent sould pas, obtenit of the lordis of his Maiesties secreit counsall ane stay of the said patent till the said Maister Patrik his awin homecuming, at whiche tyme the said burgh enterit in agriement with the said Maister Patrik and obtenit certan articles to be signed be the said Maister Patrik in favoures of the saids frie borrowis, quhilkis the said Maister Johnne Hay producit, and the present commissioners ordanis the same to be insert and registrat in thair buikes *ad futuram rei memoriam*, quhairof the tennour followis :

The articles agreed vpon and signed be Maister Patrik Drummond in favoures of the frie borrowis of this realme of Scotland.

Imprimis, the said Maister Patrik sall not at anie tyme heireftir dimitt the office of conservatorie in favoures of anie persoun or persounes without consent and assent of the saids borrowis had and obtenit thairto.

Item, the said Maister Patrik salbe ansuerable for his deputtes in the said office for thair qualificatioun and dischaarge of thair dewtye in the said office, and notifie thair naymes to the borrowes or toun of Edinburgh ; and in caice anie complaint be gevin in against theme, the same being tryet be the borrowis at thair conventiones, and the saidis deputtis fund giltye, or in caice the saids borrowis haiff anie iust caus against theme quhy they aucht not to be deputtes in the said office, the said Maister Patrik sall remove theme.

Item, the said Maister Patrik sall during his said office remayne at thair staiple port of Campheir in Zeland, or quhair thair staiple salhappin to be for the tyme, and sall not diuert him selff thairfra without sum important caus notified ayther to the borrowis or burgh of Edinburgh be his lettre, bott attend his office thair, and sall concur with the natioun in protecting theme frome violence and suitting reparatioun and redresse of wronges through anie pairt of the haill sevintein provinces vpon the resonable chairges of the pairtye.

Item, the said Maister Patrik sall keip courtes, conforme to the act of parliament, and sall not suffer anie factour to assist him or sitt in judgement with him in na tyme to cum, bot salbe assisted be the merchands of the natioun thair for the tyme.

Item, the said Maister Patrik sall put the actes of parliament to executioun against vnfrie tredders and saillers contravenand the same.

Item, the said Maister Patrik sall put the actes of the generall or particular conventiounes of borrowis maid and to be maid to executioun against the saids vnfrie men, saillers, and factouris, and in speciall sall not suffer anie factour to tred or trafficque vnder payne of dyprivatioun of thair office.

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Item, the said Maister Patrik sall not suffer anie persoun to vse the office of factorie within the sevinteen provinces except they haue bein first admittit to that office be the commissioners of borrowis, and that they schaw him ane certificat subscriuit be the saids commissioners mak- and mentioun of thair admissioun and fynding cautioun conforme to the ordour accustomed, and then, they paying to the said Maister Patrik as conservatour the dewtye accustomed to be payit at thair admission, he sall tak thair aith at the staiple port and exerce all vther autoritie over theme belonging to him as conservatour, ather be actes of parliament or of borrowis; and the depriviatioun of the saids factouris for anie wrang doone be theme to anie merchand sall belong to the commissioners of borrowis, bott if they sall infringe anie of his Maiesties lawis, or fail in anie essentiall point of dewtye to the King or kingdome, then the said Maister Patrik sall in that caice depryve theme by his awin autoritie.

Item, forsameikle as of auld thair wes onlie graunted be the borrowis for intertynnment of the conservatour tua stuires, to the whiche since the borrowis of thair meir favour hes addit threttein stuires, making in the haille fyftein stuires, quhairof tuelff is to be payed be the merchand and thrie be the skipper, and is presentlie vpliftit be Sir Robert Danielstoun, present conservatour, and that the said Maister Patrik hes in his gift of the reversioun of the conservatorie procured the said reversioun to the said office efter the death of the present titular, with all fies, dewtyes, and casualties thairto appertening, thairfore it is hereby declairit that in that generall claus the threttein stuires grauntit of befoir, addit to the former tua stuires, is not comprehendit, lyik as the said Maister Patrik renunces all richt, tytill, and enteres that he sall haue for injoying of the same efter the deceis of Sir Robert Danielstoun be anie vther maner of way bot be the meir graunt of the borrowis, and sall not cleith him selff with anie vther richt of the same, and with expres conditioun that the grant of the same to be maid to him efter the present titulars deceis

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salbe na praparative to na vther quho sall efter succeid in the saids offices for bruiking and injoying the same.

Item, he sall caus the liberties and priueleges of thair natioun at thair staiple port contenit in the contract betuixt the borrowis and toun of Campheir to be keiped, and in special anent the consergerie hous.

Item, the said Maister Patrik salbe bundin and obleist to the same articles and conditiounes to the borrowis of this realme vnto the whitche anie former conservatour was bundin and obleist.

Item, in all contraversies betuixt him and anie merchand, sailler or factour, he sall submitt himselff to the decisioun and judgement of the commissioners of the borrowis of this realme, ather in thair generall or particular conventiounes, and sall not appeale therefra nor declyne the same.

Item, the said Maister Patrik being wairnit, ather at the instance of the borrowis in generall and thair procuratour fiscall, or at the instance of anie vther merchand, sailler, or factour haiffing warrand of the commissioners of borrowis or toun of Edinburgh to cite him to ansuer to anie complaint givin in against him, sall compeir be him selff or his procuratour and ansuer to the samin vpone the premonitioun of thrie score dayes, ather in generall or particular conventiounes.

Item, the said Maister Patrik sall not during the tyme of his office purchaice or procure anie thing concerning the said office, nor him selff doe anie thing preiudiciall to the liberties of the borrowis, nor yit sute, obtein, or craive anie forder impost vpone merchandes guids or schippes then is grauntit to him be the borrowis, reserving alwayes to him all feyis, dewtyes, and casualities vsit and accustomit, grauntit or to be grantit to him or his predicessouris be the borrowis, and without preiudice of the same.

Item, the said Maister Patrik binds and obleissis him to dischairge his deute in the said office, als weill in administratiouns of iustice, ather in ciuill or criminall courtes, with speid and indifferencie, as in putting his decreites and sentences to executioun, as also in reuling and governing him selff and the natioun conforme to the actes of parliament and lawes of this realme, as also the actes of borrowis; and quhatsumeir vther thing salbe statut be the borrowis for the guid of tred and honour of the natioun he sall caus the same be obeyed efter lauffull intimatioun maid thairof to him or his deputtes.

Item, the said Maister Patrik sall assist and concur be his autoritie with the minister in sieing the ordour of the churche thair keipit als weill in the doctrine as discipline, conforme to the lawis of this realme, and caus the collectouris of the dewtye for the ministers stipend to be ansuerit and ingatherit or anie vther collectionnes appointed to be vplifted be the borrowis.

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In witnes of my consent and obleisment for performance of the articles above and within specifiet, I, the said Maister Patrik Drummond, haiff subscriyuit the same with my hand, at Edinburgh, the auchtein day of Januar the yeir of God j^m vj^e and tuentye fyve yeires. *Et sic subscribitur*: Maister PATRIK DRUMMOND.

The commissioners of the burgh of Edinburgh, in name of the borrowis, of thair meir favour and for service to be doone be Maister Patrik Drummond in the office of conservatorie, and his honorable intertynement, grantis and gives to the said Maister Patrik, during the tyme of his office, by and attour the tua stuires of auld annexed to the office, the soume of threttein stuires, making in the haill fyftein stuires, to be vpliftit in the same maner as wes vplifted be Sir Robert Danielstoun, present conservatour, and obleissis theme selffis in name of the borrowis that the same could be ratified and of new grantit in thair nixt generall convention of borrowis to be haldin at Glasgow in Julij nixt. In witnes quhair of, we haue subscriyuit the samin with oure handis, at Edinburgh the auchtein day of Januar the yeir of God j^m vj^e tuentye and fyve yeires. *Et sic subscribitur*: A. CLARK, provest; JOHNE MAKNACHT, baillie; A. TOD, baillie; JOHNE BYIRES, dein of gild; GEORGE SUTTIE, thesaurer; PATRIK ELEIS, THOMAS WEIR.

Quhilkis articles abonewrittin being signed and agried vpone, the said burgh of Edinburgh compeirand before the lordis of his Maiesties secreit counsall, for theme selffis and in name of the borrowis, to testifie thair humble obedience and conformitie to his Maiesties will and pleasure, agriet and gaive thair consent to the passing of the signature grauntit in favoures of the said Maister Patrik Drummond, vnder protestatioun as followis heirefter; quhitche protestatioun the said Maister Johnne lyikwayes producit, and the saids borrowis ordanis the samin to be insert and registrat in thair buikis, quhair of the tennour followis: Apud Edinburgh, *decimo octauo die mensis Januarij, Anno Dominij, 1625.* The quhilk

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day, in presens of the lordis of secreit counsall, compeired personalie Johnne Macknacht, Williame Dick and Archibald Tod, baillies of Edinburgh, Johnne Byires, dein of gild, and George Suittie, thesaurer of the said burgh, with certan vthers of the counsall of the said burgh, as commissioners for the samin, and they being demaundit if they had anie thing now to propone and object against the signature signed be his Maiestie in favoures of Maister Patrik Drummond of the reuersioun of the office of conservatorie efter the deceis of the present incumbent, seing they gat ane copey of the signature to be advysit with and had diuers counsall dayes appointed vnto theme for giving thair ansuer theranent, they declairit that sieing it wes his Maiesties gracious will and pleasure to mak choice of the said Maister Patrik for the office foresaid, they, to testifie thair humble obedience and conformitie to his Maiesties will and pleasure, and vpone confidence they had of the gentleman his sufficiencie for the said chaarge, and vpone houp of his dewtifull dischaarge thair off, they had nothing to say against the said signature, bot in name of the haill borrowis acquiescit and agreit to his Maiesties royall will and pleasure and to the expeding of the said signature, with this protestatioun alwayes, that the samin should no wayes preiudge the frie borrowis of this kingdome in no tyme cuming anent anie right, tytill, or enteres pretendit be theme to the said office or that they can acclame thairvnto, or to the presentatioun or disposing thair of quhen the samin salhappin heirefter to vaik as accordes of the law; lyik as, Sir Williame Olyphant of Newtoun, knicht, his Maiesties aduocat, in his Maiesties name and for his Maiesties interes, protestit in the contrare. *Extractum de libris actorum secreti consilij, S. D. N. Regis, per me Jacobum Prymrois, clericum eiusdem, sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus. Et sic subscribitur, JACOBUS PRYMROIS.*

And last, the said Maister Johnne producit certan writtis concerning the said plaice of conservatorie, quhair of sum extract furth be him of befor furth of the auld registers of this kingdome, and vthers be James Lennox furth of the registers of Holland, quhilks wer instantlie delyverit to thair clerk to be keipit to thair vse.

Whitche report being maid, and the present commissioners of borrowis being ryplie adwysit thairwith, they, for theme selfis and thair successouris, does ratifie and approve quhatsumeuir actes maid and sett

doun be the commissioners of borrowis in thair particular conventioun since the last generall conventioun of borrowis concerning the said mater of conservatorie and soumes of money debursd for secluding of the said Maister Nathaniell frome the said plaice, togidder with the haill proceidings of the said burgh of Edinburgh in the said mater, and of the said, Maister Johnne Hay, and inspeciall the haill actes abone mentionat and articles above sett doun, quhairvnto they give thair allowance and approbatioun and obleissis theme to abyid therat as giff the samin had bein doone at this present conventioun.

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12. Anent the threttie aucht act of the last generall conventioun of borrowis haldin at the burgh of Lynlithgow the nynt day of Julij last, anent the sending of commissioners to parliament, the present commissioners of borrowis, considdering quhat inconveniencie and hurt hes rissin to the borrowis through sending of diuers persones in one commissioun for one burgh to parliaments and conventiounes of estaittes, thairfore they find and declair that na burgh, exceptand the burgh of Edinburgh, sould containe moe persones nor one, bot aucht and sould give commissioun to ane honest and qualifiet persoun of thair said burgh allendarlie; and thairfore hes statut and ordanit, lyik as they be thir presentis statuttis and ordanis that na burgh heirefter in anie tyme cuming containe anie moe persones nor ane, exceptand as saidis, in thair commissiouns to parliament or conventioun of estaittis, vnder the payne of xx lib. ilk burgh; and ordanis the present commissioners to mak intimatioun heirof to thair borrowis at thair homecoming, and the saidis burghis to report thair diligence of thair intimatioun and keiping of the same to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

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13. The commissioners of borrowis, beand convenit, considering how that the plaice of conservatorie is onlie vpon the merchands expenssis, and that the conservatoris intertynnement is onlie vpon thair chaarges, and how necessar it is for the weill of the merchand tredders in the Law Cuntreyis that the nominatioun of the said persoun be at the optioun of the borrowis, or at leist they might haue consent therin, seing thair interest is so great, and that the said plaice hes bein first at thair desyre

Lennox, diligence, office of conservatorie and conservatorie books, missive.

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erected and for thair caus allanerlie; thairfore the saids commissioners findis meit and convenient that farder diligence be vsit in searching out of such writtis as may belong or concerne the said office, ather at home or at Flanders, and to that effect ordanis James Lennox to tak paines therin and to report his diligence to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, and what expenssis he salhappin to deburse in the said mater salbe refundit to him vpone his awin declaratioun allanerlie, as lykwayes promises to considder his paynes and travaylis, and ordanis the conservatoures buikes to be delyverit to the present conservatour vpone inventar to be maid thairof be the said James; and the said James to report his diligence in searching out of the saids writtis as also to produce the inventar of the buikes delyverit to the said conservatour to the nixt general convention of borrowis.

Edinburgh,
burghs of bar-
onie, missive.

14. Anent the mater of the burghis of barronie mentionat in the 15 act of the said last conventioun, the saids commissioners findis meit and convenient that for decyding of the contraversies depending betuixt the frie royall borrowis and the burghis of barronie, that in caice thair salhappin anie parliament to be indicted betuixt and the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, that the burgh of Edinburgh sall requyre be thair missiwe immediatlie efter the publicatioun thairof to meit with theme at the said burgh the burghis of Perth, Dundye, Abirdein, Stirling, Lynlithgow, Sanct Androes, Glasgow, Air, Haddingtoun, Dysart, and Coupar for taking sum satled ordour for decyding of the saids contraversies, to whome the saids borrowis gives thair full powar and commissioun to doe therin quhat thai sall find necessar for the weill of the borrowis.

Hadingtoun,
Mortoun,
missive.

15. Anent the 10th act of last general convention, the commissioners ordained the burgh to do more exact diligence in causing their alleged burgess reside in the burgh or in depriving him of the liberties thereof.

Inerkithing,
electione,
magistrats,
missive.

16. Upon report of the commissioner of Innerkithing "of the grit povertie and necessitie of the said burgh, and inlaik of persounes to beir office therin," the commissioners delayed till next general convention the uplifting of the unlaws imposed by the 12th act of last general convention, and ordained the burghs of Lynlithgow and Bruntlyland to take trial and report thereanent.

Linlithgoe,
diligence,
unfriemen,
missive.

17. Anent the 16th act of last general convention, the commissioner of Lynlithgow reported the diligence taken by that burgh, with which the commissioners were satisfied at this time, but required farther proceedings to be taken.

18. Anent the 17th act of last general convention, the commissioners found that at last election the burgh of Dunbar had conformed to the acts and therefore discharged their unlaws. The burgh was enjoined to continue thus in their elections and to report to next general convention.

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Dunbar, electione, magistrats, missive.

19. Anent the 24 act of the last generall conventioun of borrowis, haldin at the burgh of Lynlithgow the sevint day of Julij last, the saids commissioners, considdering the grit quantities of wooll transported daylie furth of this realme, not onlie to the grit hurt of that grit number of poore ones intertynned and sett to work therby, bot to the grit lose of the hail merchandis tredding with plaiding, sayes, and vthers stuffes, so that if sum tymous ordour be not taking thairwith the said poore salbe castin lous and the saids merchandis depyrved of that tred, being ane of the grittest treds of this kingdome; and siclyk, the commissioners, vnderstanding that the mater of the greivances hes nocht takin effect as yit, ordanis the borrowis vndirwrittin to insist with the lordis of his Maiesties secreit counsall for licence of importing of forraine victuall, and seing that the saids borrowis hes alreddie sett down such motives as mooved theme to insist therin, which hes bein shewin alreddie to the noblemen and gentrie of the land, ordanis theme to petitoun the saids lordis for redres of the said greivance; as lyikwayes, ordanis the saids borrowis to concur and assist with the barkers of this kingdome for decyding of the heds alreddie depending betuixt the saids barkers and my lord Erskine for recalling of the patent grauntit to the said lord of ane grot vpone ilk hyid barked or tanned within this kingdome; as lyikwayes, it being meaned to the present commissioners that the said lord does exact of ilk barked hyid brocht into this cuntrey frome Ingland or Yreland the lyik imposition, and considering that thair lordships hes not bein in vse to impose anie dewtye vpone quhatsumeuir commoditie imported be the merchandis without thair speciall consent obtenit thairto, thairfore they ordayne the said mater to be meaned lyikwayes to the saids lords, and thairfore hes appointed and ordanit, lyik as they be thir presentes appointes and ordanis the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundye, Abirdein, Stirling, Lynlithgow, Sanct Androes, Glasgow, Bruntyland and Couper to meitt and conveyn at the burgh of Edinburgh the threttein day of Julij instant, with continuation of dayes, and to tak the saids maters to thair serious consideratioun and to humble petitoun the lordis of his Maiesties secreit

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tent, missive.

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[counsall] for redres of the saids greivances and till insist therin till the same tak sum guid end.

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burgh, jadge.

20. Anent the tuentie saxt act of the last generall conventioun, . . . comperit the commissioners of the burgh of Edinburgh and reported that, conforme to the commissioun given to theme, they had compeired before the saids lordis, and haiffing objected the gift givin to theme of before for jadging, the saids lords had annulled the said patent grantit to the said David Nairne, quherin the saids borrowis findis they haue doone diligence.

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tiones gevin to
the factors.

21. Anent the 35th act of the last general convention, and the acts of the particular convention held in March last, regarding the factors in Campheir, the commissioners ratified the whole proceedings and injunctions, and ordained the conservator to see them put to execution.

Dumfreis, elec-
tione, magis-
trats, missive.

22. Anent the 39th act of the last general convention, the commissioners found that the burgh of Dumfreis in their last election had not conformed to the acts in all points, "bot withall considering they haue drawin neir to ane guid and constant forme therin," they dispensed with their unlaw. The burgh was ordained to conform in future, and to produce the form of their election to next general convention.

Culane,
missive.

23. Anent the 8th act of the particular convention held on 16th July last, the agent produced a supplication from the burgh of Culane, "desyring, inrespect of thair povertie and thair lang distance from this burgh, to excuse thair present absence." The commissioners dispensed with the unlaws and required the burgh to comply with their ordinances at next general convention; "as also ordanis the burgh of Abirdein to tak tryell of the landis that appertenit and does appertein to the said burgh, and how the samin wer disponit and for quhat dewtie."

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peilled hering,
etc., missive.

24. [Anent the 25th act of last general convention and the 8th act of the general convention of 1622,] and considering that pairtlie throw the negligence of the burghis to quhome the executioun of the saids actes and ordinance ar concredeit, and pairtlie throw contumacie and greid of the saids maisteris and mariners, the haill land is defraudit of that so grit a benefeit, not onlie to the los of the cuntrey at home bot also to the defamatioun in the cuntreyes quhither the saids herings ar transported, thairfore the saids commissioners of borrowis ratifies and approves the said

aucht act of the said generall conventioun maid at the said burgh of Dumfreis, in all the heids, claussis, and articles thair of, with this additioun that it sall not be lafull in na tyme heirefter till the saids maisteris and marinersto schip anie peilled herring in the schippis, barkis, or crears quhair it salhappin anie of the saids pakkit herring to be schippit; lyik as, the saids commissioneris straitlie inhibittes and dischairges the saids maisteris and mariners to schip anie of thair saids peilled herring in thair saidis veschellis quhair thair said pakkit herings salhappin to be schippit, vnder the payne of confiscatioun of the saids peilled herring to be confiscatt be the magistrattis of the burgh quhair the saids veschelles salhappin to arryve; and ordanis the magistrattis of the burgh to putt the said act with the additioun foresaid to executioun, with certificatioun to those who salbe fund remis or negligent in executing thair of that they sall incur ane vnlaw of xl lib. to be payit to the borrowis; and ordanis ilk commissioner present to intimat this present statut to thair borrowis at thair home cuming that thai pretend no ignorance thair of, and ilk burgh to report thair diligence preceislie in writt to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis vnder the payne of xl lib. ilk burgh.

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25. James Lennox produced the accounts of his intromission with the impost granted for the minister's stipend at Campheir. The charge amounted to £162, 12s. 6d. gritt, Flemish money, and after paying minister's stipend (£133, 6s. 8d. gritt), his own fees, etc., and the balance due last year, there remained due to him £97, 3s. Flemish; and for payment the commissioners ordained George Suttie, merchand, burgess of Edinburgh, to give to Lennox 1000 merks Scots, binding the burghs to repay the sum borrowed.

Lennox,
compts,
missive.

26. The commissioners desyres the commissioner of the burgh of Dumbar to recommend to thair burgh in thair names to haiff cair of thair fisching at thair burgh and to sie guid ordour keipit therat; as lyikwayes to stay vnfrie persounes to pak or peill within thair liberties.

Dumbar, fisch-
ing, unfremen.

27. Anent that heid of the missiwe ordaning the burgh to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed for setting down ane impost for repayment to George Suttie, merchand, burgess of Edinburgh, of the soumes of money debursit be him at the borrowis desyre, [viz., to Nathaniell Vduard, as authorised by the particular convention held on 11th August last, the sum paid with interest being £4,420 Scots; to James Lennox, conform to the 7th act of the particular convention on

Suttie, impost,
missive.

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missive.

16th July last, £200 Scots, and conform to the 25th act of this convention 1,000 merks ; which sums extend in all to £5,286, 13s. 4d. Scots. For repayment of that sum, and all interest thereon, the commissioners agreed that George Suttie should receive £1057, 6s. 8 gritt, Flemish money, in manner following], viz., that ane generall impost be vpliftit and rasit vpon the guides and merchandice arryvand fra Scotland at anie port within the Law Cuntreyes, viz., four s. sax d. gritt of ilk seek of guides, ten sturis ilk last of cornes, and ten stuires ilk hundreth wagon of coalles ; and siclyk, ane vther impost of all guides imported to Scotland fra the saids Law Cuntreyis, to witt, of ilk coffer, threttein stuires, and ane halff ; ane caice, seven stuires ; ane quhyte trie, sevin stuires ; ane punscheon, sevin grit ; ane Inglis trie, sevin grit ; ane alme trie, fyve grit ; and ane trie copprus fyve grit ; ane trie undop fyve grit ; ane barrel saip, thrie grit ; ane barrel ortalchard litt, thrie gritt ; ane barrell vnzeounes or apils, halff ane stuir ; ane creill of pannis, four stuires ; ane ball mader, four stuires ; ane pook brissell, fyve grit ; ane pook houp, four grit ; ane pak towes, thrie grit ; ane pak smak thrie grit ; ane ball annet seids, fyve grit ; ane poik vnzeoun seid thrie gritt ; ane poik hardis, thrie stuires ; and ane thousand yrne, four stuires ; to indure ay and quhill the said George Suttie be thankfullie and compleitlie payed of the said soume of £1057 6s 8 gritt. [An account of the sums collected was appointed to be sent to each general convention.]

Statute,
factors wyfes,
conservator,
missive, factors
books making.

28. Forsamikle as the present commissioners of borrowis, vnderstanding that notwithstanding that the factouris of Campheir ar subject to the lawis of this cuntrey and to my lord conservatour to be governit in all thinges conforme to the lawes of this realme and actes of borrowis, yit the relicts of the said factouris, being not subject to the same lawes, intrometts with thair husbands guides and geir and frustrattis thair merchandis that hes employed theme of thair iust debts ; and quher the saids factoures leives anie guides or geir behind theme, the saids relict being preferrit be the lawis of that cuntrey to the haill creditouris, and hawing diuers vthers meanes for defrauding of the saids merchands at the deceis of thair factoures, does defraud theme of the haill guids intromettit with be thair husbands in thair lyf tyme, whairby the saids merchands ar grittumlie dampnifiet ; for remeid quhairrof, and eschewing of lyik inconveniences in tyme cuming, it is statut and ordanit, lyik as the saids com-

missioners be thir presentis statuttis and ordanis that na factour in anie tyme heirefter salbe admittit the office of factorie before he first find caution to the borrowis, that if he salhappin to marie, that his spous sall compeir before the solemnising of the said mariage befor ane judge competent, and thair renunce hir owne libertie and jurisdiction, and submit hir selff to the conservatour and lawis of this cuntrey, and that in caice hir husband sall deceis befor hir that in that caice she submittis hirselff to the lawis of this cuntrey and sall not vse anie meanes for frustrating thair of nor sall cleith hir selff with the lawis of the said cuntrey, bot sall renunce all benefiet thair of in all tyme thairefter ; and siclyk, ordanis my lord conservatour to conveyne before him the hail present factouris and caus theme obey and fulfill this present ordinance vnder payne of deprivation of the saids factours ; as lyikwayes, desyres the said conservatour to deale with the generall estaittes for obteneing this act ratified and the saids factoures wyiffes declaired to be exemit of the said Dutch lawis and subjected to the lawis of this cuntrey ; as also to deale with theme for dischairging of all supercederies to be grantit to the saids relicts ; with powar to him by his awin authoritie when anie factour sall deceis to caus his clerk tak inventer of thair guides to be furth cumand to all pairties haivand enteres. As also statuttis and ordanis that the saids factouris sall keip no compt buiks bot such as ar markit be the conservatour clerk on euerie leaf thair of be the number, and on euerie tent leaff be his subscription, and that at the filling vp of ane buik he present ane new ane to be markit be the said clerk in maner abonewrittin ; as also ordanis the said conservatour to caus visite thair saids bookes monethlie and to sie the same filled vp be theme, and in caice anie salbe fund negligent to aduerteis the borrowis thair of ; and farder ordanis the said conservatour clerk to keip ane not of so manie buikes in the conservatouris buikes as he salhappin to mark to anie factour, and to tak ane not of the hail buikes that ar in the present factours handis. Quich actes and ordinance abonewrittin the saids commissioners of borrowis recommends to my lord conservatour, and ordanis him to sie the same put to execution, and to report his diligence heiranent to the nixt generall convention of borrowis.

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factours wyffes,
conservator,
missive, factours
books missive.

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Statut, bill of
laidning,
missive.

29. The commissioneris of borrowis beand convenit, considdering that at thair particular conventioun haldin at the burgh of Edinburgh in Marche last, amangs the rest of the iniunctiounes gevin to the factoures, it wes ordanit that at the ressait of the merchandis guides frome the skippers, if thair sould be anie inlaik of the number of the guides contenit in the merchandis lettres direct to the factoures, that the saids factoures wer ordanit to detein ane pairt of the fraucht correspondent to the inlaik ; and now being informit that the saids merchandis does oft tymes in thair lettres direct to thair factoures give vp ane gritter quantitie of guides then thai haue schippit, quhairvpone at the arryvaill of the schip at the port thair does aryse questiounes betuixt thair factoures and the skippers, and the saids factoures does detein in thair handis ane competent pairt of the fraucht correspondent to the difference betuixt the said merchand bill and the guides trewlie schippit, to the grit hurt of the saids skippers ; for remeid quhairof, and for eschewing of all such questiounes in tyme cuming, the present commissioners of borrowis hes statut and ordanit, lyik as thai be thir presentis statuttis and ordanis that quhen anie merchands hes schippit thair guides that befor the said schip sall tak thair voyage that first the skippers sall caus the clarkis of thair schippis tak vp ane iust nott of the hard guides schippit in thair said schippes contening the persones names, thair markis and number of goodes schippit be everie man ; and thairefter the said skipper sall deliuer to the said merchand ane bill of laidning, ane or moe as thai sall think meit, sub-scryuit be the said skippers awin hand contening as said is, quhairof ane to be keiped be the said merchand and the vther to be sent ouer be him to his factour ; and that the said factour haiving ressaut the merchandis guides in quantitie and in number conforme to the said bill of laiding vpone the schoir out of the said schip, that the saids factouris mak payment to the saids skippers of thair frauchts conforme thairto ; and for better effectuatting heirof ordanis the said skipper not to depairt frome the port quhair he is laidnit befor the delyverie of the saidis billis of laidning to thair merchandis, vnder the payne of xl lib., *toties quoties*, to be payit be the said skipper to the burgh quhairvnto the said port does appertein ; and in caice that the merchand salhappin to absent theme-

selffis, quhairby the said skipper may be prolonged in his voyage, the saids commissioners declaires that it salbe sufficient diligence to the said skipper to deliuer the said bill to the dein of gild or sum of the baillies of the burgh quhairvnto the said port does appertein; and ordanis this ordour to be keiped be the haill skippers of this kingdome, als weill treading to the Law Cuntreyis as to anie vther pairt or kingdome, vnder the said paine, quhairvnto the saids borrowis declaires thir presentes to be lyikwayes extendit; and ordanis ilk commissioner to intimat this present ordinance to thair borrowis at thair homecuming, and to sie the same putt to executioun, and to report thair diligence theranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

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Statut, bill of
laidning,
missive.

30. The saids commissioners of borrowis ordanis thair clerk to draw furth all and quhatsumeuir actes and statuttis that hes bein maid in anie tyme heirtfoir concerning the staiple port, conservatour, or factoures, with all and quhatsumeuir lawis maid be the borrowis for governing of the natioun thair, and to mak tuo buikes thairof, ane to be delyverit to the conservatour to be keiped be him at the said staiple port and to be signed be him, and the vther to be keiped amongst the rest of thair registers; and he to report his diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Conservatorie,
factours, clerk,
missive.

31. Ordained the burgh of Haddington "to tak paines for satling of that contraversie" between the burghs of Lauder and Jedburgh, referred to in the 13th act of last general convention, and failing a settlement the parties to come instructed to next general convention.

Complent,
Lauder contra
Jedburgh.

32. The burgh of Montrose, as by the 14th act of last general convention, ordained to send their commissioner to next year's, duly instructed with regard to their complaint against Edinburgh.

Monrose
contra Edin-
burgh.

33. Granted to each of the burghs of Pittinweyme and Kilranie £100 Scots for help to the repair of their decayed harbours.

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weyme, Kil-
ranie.

34. Gave commission to the burghs appointed to meet at Edinburgh on 13th inst., to agree with James Lennox for collecting the impost for the minister's charges at Campheir in connection with his supplication "craiving augmentatioun of his yeirlye fall."

James Lennox
his feall.

35. Robert Wynrahame, agent, granted the receipt of £100, "appointed to be payit to vmquhill Sir George Bruce for his attendance at the platt the tyme of the plantatioun of the kirkis," and of the sum of £600 mentioned in the 41st act of last general convention.

Discharge,
agent.

36. Anent the fourth act of the particular convention, held on 17th March

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nes, missive.

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nes, missive.

Wynrahame,
Cuninghame,
factor.

last, the commissioners, on account of diversity of opinion as to the most commodious place for setting of the light at Fyfness, ordained each burgh to send their commissioners sufficiently instructed thereanent to next general convention.

37. Anent the saxt act of the particular conventioun [held 17th March last], compeirit Maister Robert Wynrahame, agent, and produced our Soverayne Lordis lettres raisit at his instance against the said Jacob Cuninghame, lauffullie execut and indorsit; and the said Jacob being often tymes called and not compeirand, the saids commissioners of borrowis hes depyryt and be thir presentis depyryes the said Jacob of his said office of factorie, and ordainis my lord conservatour and his deputtes to conveyn the said Jacob befor theme and to intimat this thair will to him and not suffer him to exerce the said office in tyme cuming; and ordanis the present commissioners to intimat this present act to thair nichtboures at thair homecoming.

Eleis, Lennox,
diligence satis-
fied.

38. Patrik Eleis and James Lennox, cautioners for William and Thomas Walles, conform to the 6th act of the particular convention held in March last, reported that "the saids persones had depairtit this mortall lyiff." Alexander Makcartnay produced the articles and injunctions subscribed by James Weir, factor.

Agent, Bawtie.

39. James Ewing having asked to be freed from his obligations as factor for Robert Bawtie, factor at Campheir, the latter was ordained to produce another cautioner at next general convention.

Agent, compts.

40. The agent's accounts being found to extend to £700, each burgh was ordained to send their part to the next general convention.

Nobell,
Riddoch,
conservator.

41, 42. On the supplication of Johnne Noble and others, the commissioners asked the conservator to intercede with the magistrates of Campheir, "that according to thair mutuall conditiones betuixt the conservator and the town, they wald tak inventar of the haill guds and geir," which was in the possession of vmquhill Thomas Wallis, factor, and concur with the supplicants in saving them from loss.

Eleis, Burnett,
Griersone,
factors.

43-5. The commissioners consented to the admission of Patrik Eleis, merchant, burgess of Edinburgh; Johnne Burnet, resident in Campheir; and Robert Greirsoun, sone to Johnne Griersone, factor at Campheir, to be factors at Campheir.

Statute, factors
resalving,
missive.

46. The saids commissioners of borrowis, for eschewing of forder confusioun in admissioun of factoures at thair staiple port of Campheir, and to the effect the saids borrowis may gett the better knowleg of thair

qualificatioun and abilitie of such persounes as thai salhappin heirefter to give thair approbatioun vnto for serving in the said plaice of factorie, GLASGOW.
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statuttes and ordanis that quhen anie persone at anie tyme heirefter sall present thair supplicatiounes craiving thair approbatioun, that the same be maid ane heid of the missiwe, and that ilk burgh be requyrit to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed thairanent, and this ordour to be keiped in all tyme cuming in the presentatioun of factoures.

47. The saids commissioners of borrowis ordanis ilk burgh to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed with thair best advyse and opinioun for reforming of the abussis committit be the factoures in Fraunce, and preventing the hurt sustenit be the haill tredders thair in defalt of the saids factoures, ilk burgh vnder the payne of tuentie pundis. Factors,
France,
missive.

48. Granted licence to the burghs of Kilranie and Pittinweyme to abide from all general conventions for the space of three years, on the usual conditions. Exemptiones,
Kilranie,
Pittinweyme.

49. Ordained each burgh to send their commissioners to next general convention, instructed to give answer to the supplications of Craill and Kinghorne, for help to the repair of their decayed harbours. Supplicationes
Craill, King-
horne.

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50. The commissioners unlaed the burghs of Thayne, Bamff, Quhithorne, Lochmaben, and Sanquhare, in £20 each, for being absent from this convention, and also the four latter burghs in £20 each for not sending their part of the dues. Bamff, etc.,
unlaed.

51. The saids commissioners of borrowis apointed and ordanit, lyik as they be thir presentis appointes and ordanis, the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundye, Abirdein, Stirling, Lynlithgow, Sanct Androes, Glasgow, Haddingtoun, Bruntyland, Couper, Munros and Anstruther Eister to meit and conveyin at the said burgh of Edinburgh the threttein day of this instant, with continuatioun of dayes, to treat, reassoun, voite and conclud with my lord conservatour for ratifieing the articles alreddie sett down and agreit vnto be him, and with full powar and commissioun to theme or the maist pairt of theme convenand to sett down such vther articles and iniunctiounes as thai sall find most necessar for the honour of the natioun and wealfair of the merchands tredders in the Low Cuntreys; with powar lyikwayes to the saids borrowis, in caice the said conservatour be not at home, to deput such of thair number as thai sall Commissione
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pleas for dealing with him at his homecoming, with full powar and commissioun theranent, which salbe als sufficient as if they had bein deput be the saids commissioners to that effect. As lyikwayes ordanis the saids burghis to treat with Bryur Semple and Johnne Schaw, allegit takismen of the teinds of the fisching in the Yles, and to tak such solid course in the said mater as thai sall think most expedient for the weill of the fisching, lyik as the present commissioners gevis full powar and commissioun to the saids borrowis to doe in the premissis all and quhat-sumeuir they micht doe theme selffis. [These commissioners also received full power to deal with anything that “may occur that hes not yit cum to thair knowlege that may concerne the saids borrowis,” and power was also given to the burgh of Edinburgh to convene so many of the burghs at any time as they might consider necessary for taking order with the affairs of the burghs].

Dumbartane,
Sempell,
Fallisdail,
missive.

52. The saids commissioners, being informit that Johnne Semple and Thomas Fallisdail, collectour of the taxatioun that wes grantit be the estaittes for saving the burgh of Dumbartan from the invndatioun of Levin, hes since the fitting of thair comptes intromettit with ane pairt of the said taxatioun and hes not imployed the same vpon the said work nor maid compt as yit thair of, thairfore ordanis the present commissioner of Dumbartan, in name of his said burgh, to present the saids persounes before the commissioners in the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, for making compt, reckning, and payment of the said soume intromettit with be theme as said is, vnder the payne of ane hundreth pundis.

Clark of
Glasgow.

53. Ordained that the clerk of Glasgow be paid £20 for directing the missives this year.

Next conven-
tione Dumbar.

54. Dissolved the present general convention, and ordained the next to be held at Dumbar in July 1626.

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PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Ediuburgh, Johnne Byires, Williame Nemock; Perth, (*blank*); Dundy, Thomas Halyburnetoun; Abirdein, Alexander Jaffray; Stirling, John Scherar; Lynlithgow, Robert Ker; Sanctandros, Johnne Lepar; Glasgow, Johnne Cuninghame; Munros, James Williamesoun; Couper,

Robert Petersoun; Bruntyland, Williame Miklejohnne; Haddingtoun, EDINBURGH.
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Williame Broun; Anstruther Eister, Robert Mercer.

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1. Johnne Byires, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected Moderator. Moderator.

2. Anent the 51st act of last general convention . . . comperit the said Maister Patrik Drumond and productit his gift of the said plaice of conservatorie, vnder his Hienes gritt seill, of the dait the first day of Julij 1625 yeires, which being sein and considerit be the saidis commissioneris of borrowis, and they haiving of befor gevin way and consentit to the gift obtenit be the said Maister Patrik of the reversioun of the said plaice, vpone recomendatioun maid be his Maiestie of most worthie memorie, to the burgh of Edinburgh, vnder protestatioun alwayes that the samyne sould nowayes preiudge the frie borrowis of this kingdome in na tyme thairefter anent anie richt, tytill, or enteres pretendit be theme to the said office, or that thai could claim thairto or to the presentatioun or disposing thairto when the samyn sould vaik as accordes of the law; thairfore they for themeselffis, and in name and behalff of the hail remanent borrowis of this kingdome, agreit and consentit, and be thir presentis agries and consentis to the said Maister Patrik his admissioun to the said plaice, vnder protestatioun as said is and vpone the provisiounes and conditiounes to be sett doun heirefter.

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3. The commissioners of borrowis, beand convenit anent the iniunctiones and conditiounes to be sett doun betuixt theme and Maister Patrik Drummond, present lord conservatour, hes agriet and condescendit vpone the conditiounes efter following:—[Here follow conditions formerly agreed to, *vide antea*, pp. 188]. Quhilkis articles and conditiounes abonewrittin was agreit and condescendit to be the said Maister Patrik of befor, lyik as he now compeirand ratifiet and approovit the samyn, and of new band and obleist him self to obey, performe, and fulfill the samyn inviolablie, for the whitche the present commissioners of borrowis, for theme selffis and in name of the hail remanent borrowis of this kingdome,

Articles,
conservator,
Drummond.

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Articles,
conservator,
Drummond.

of thair meir favour, and for service to be doone be the said Maister Patrik in the said office of conservatorie, and for his honorable intertynnement, grantis, gevis and disponis of new vnto him during the tyme of his office, by and attour the said tua stuires of ald annexit to the said office, the soume of threttein stuires, making in the haill fyftein stuires, quhairof tuelff to be vpliftit fra the merchand and thrie fra the skipper as hes bein vpliftit be the said vmquhill Sir Robert Danielstoun, late conservatour; and this by and attour quhatsumeir vther dewtyes grantit be the borrowis to the said vmquhill Sir Robert Danielstoun, and this in full satisfaction of quhatsumeir dewtye he can ask, craive, or procure in anie tyme heirefter to be vpliftit of the saids merchandis guides or schippis by anie maner of way; with provisioun alwayes and expres conditioun that this present grant salbe na preparative to na vther quha sall succed to the said Maister Patrik in the said office for bruiking and enjoying the said dewtye.

Lennox, fiail,
missive.

4. As authorised by the 34th act of last general convention, the commissioners grantit to James Lennox, "by and attour the soume of ane hundreth gudlings grantit to him of befoir, the soume of fourtie pundis Fleymis money, including therin the soume of ten pundis Fleymis grantit to him in augmentatioun of befoir."

Factours
attend the
conservatour.

5. The saids commissioners of borrowis findis meitt and expedient, for the decencie and honour of the natioun, that the haill factouris resident at the staiple port at Campheir sall vpone the Sabbath dayes and vther dayes of divyne service, and at all vther tymes quhen my lord conservatour hes anie speciall busines, for the honour of the natioun, attend and waitt vpone him within the said toun of Campheir and give thair attendance to and fra the church; and thairfore ordanis the said conservatour to intimat this present act to the saids factoures, and that they be injoynit to keip and serve the samyn vnder the payne of fyve shillingis Flemys to be payit to the said conservatour be euerie delinquent, *toties quoties*.

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Edinburgh,
impost, victual,
missive.

6. The commissioneris of borrowis beand convenit, and having meanit to the lordis of his Maisties most honorabill privie counsall the mater of

the transporting of wooll, together with that thair greivance anent the impositioun layed of late vpon forayne victuall importit to this kingdome, and the saids lordis haiffing considerit thair saids petitiounes continewit that anent the wooll to the twentye saxt day of this instant, and continewit that anent the victuall to the last counsall day of Nouember nixt; thairfore the saids commissioners of borrowis ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to attend and ressaive the saids lordis ansuer anent the premissis, and if neid beis to convein sua manye of the borrowis as thai sall think necessar for insisting in the saids maters, to quhome sua convenit the present commissioners of borrowis gives thair full powar and commissioun to doe therin as they sall think maist fitting for the weill of the borrowis; and the said burgh and burghis to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

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Edinburgh,
impost, victual,
missive.

7. Unlawed the burgh of Perth in £20 for being absent from this convention. Perth unlaid,
chairge agent.

8. Gave commission to the burghs Edinburgh, Sanctandroes, Glasgow, Stirling, Lynlithgow, Haddingtoun, Couper, Anstruther Eister, Bruntlyland, Craill, Dysart, and Kirkcaldye, to settle with Bryce Semple and Johnne Schaw in the matter referred to in the 51 act of last general convention. Commissione
anent Sempell,
Schaw, missive.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
26 August 1625

Edinburgh, Johnne Byres, dein of gild, Gilbert Kirkwood; Perth, Andro Gray; Dundye, Thomas Halyburnetoun; Abirdein, ratificatioun producit be Edinburgh; Williame Bell; Sanctandroes (*blank*); Glasgow, Patrik Bell; Hadingtoun, Patrik Broun; Forfar, George Wood; Kirkcaldie, Thomas Lamb; Couper (*blank*); Craill, Allane Cuninghame; Bruntlyland, Williame Miklejohnne; Selkirk, Robert Dun; Annstruther Eister, (*blank*).

26 August 1625.

1. Johnne Byres, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator. Moderator.

31 August 1625.

2. The commissioners of borrowis beand convenit, having meanit the mater of the new forme of tannage introduced be my lord Erskine, with
Commissione,
certane bor-
roues anent
the tanning.

EDINBURGH.
31 August 1625.

Commissione,
certane bor-
rowes anent
the tanning.

the grit hurt sustenit be the haill barkers of this kingdome, to thair vtter ruine and lamentable miserie of themeselffis, thair wyiffes and childrein, and decay of thair tred within the said borrowis, to the lordis of his Maiesties privie counsall, and the said lordis haiving continewit thair ansuer to the said supplicatioun to the first counsall day of Nouember nixt; thairfore ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to conveyn the burghis of Perth, Dundye, Abirdein, Stirling, Lynlithgow, Sanct Androes, Glasgow, Air, Dumfreis, Haddingtoun, Forfar, Coupar, Bruntyland, Kirkcaldie, Craill, Selkirk, Munros, Dysart, and Brichen, and to requyre theme to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed to meitt and conveyne with thair commissioners at the said burgh the tuentie aucht of October nixt to cum, with continuatioun of dayes, with full powar and commissioun for ressaiving of the said ansuer and forder prosecuting of the said bussines, and for preventing the forder ruine of the saids barkers as thai tender the weill of this estait and vald preveyne the lyik inconveniences in vther maters of gritter importance, vnder the payne of tuentie pundis ilk burgh.

Unlaws,
absents.

3. Unlawed the burghs of Sanctandroes, Couper, and Anstruther Eister for being absent from the convention.

EDINBURGH.
27 October
1625.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Johnne Maknacht, Thomas Weir; Perth, Andro Gray; Dundye, Thomas Halyburnetoun; Abirdein, Paull Meinzeis; Stirling, Johnne Cowane; Lynlithgow, James Glen; Sanctandroes, Robert Taelyour; Glasgow, Patrik Bell; Air, Johnne Osburne; Dumfreis, Fraunces Iruing; Hadingtoun, Maister James Cokburne; Forfar, maister David Persoun; Coupar, David Andersoun; Bruntyland, Williame Miklejohnne; Kirkcaldie, Thomas Lamb; Craill, Johnne Mackiesoun; Selkirk, Maister Johnne Ker; Montrois, Robert Keith; Dysart, maister David Kinghorne; Brichen, Johnne Vdnay; Innernes, Duncane Forbes; Irwing, Johnne Blair.

27 October 1625.

Moderator.

1. Johnne Maknacht, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected Moderator.

1 November 1625.

EDINBURGH.
1 November
1625.

Sydserrf,
minister at
Campheir.

2. The commissioners of borrowis beand convenit anent the plantatioun of thair kirk at thair staiple port of Campheir, and for placing ane sufficient and qualifiet persone to be minister thair, the said plaice now vacand be deceis of vmquhill Maister Alexander Makduf, late minister thair, wha deceissit in the moneth of September last by past, and the saidis commissioners not willing that the said plaice sould vaik, hes resolut to supplie the same with ane sufficient and qualifiet persone with all convenient diligence, and vnderstanding of the sufficiencie, qualificatioun, literature, and bygain guid lyiff and conversatioun of Maister George Sydserrff, sonne to Williame Sydserrff of Rouchlay, thairfore the saids commissioners of borrowis hes nominat, elected, and chosen, lyik as thai be thir presentis nominattis, electes, and cheises the said maister George to be ordiner minister of the said kirk at thair said staiple port of Campheir, vpone the provisioun of maintenance heirefter to be sett down betuixt the saids commissioners and the said Maister George; and ordanis the commissioners of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, and Abirdein to pas with him to the richt reuerend father in God my lord Archiebischop of Sanct Androes, and recommend him to his lordship, earnestlie intreatting his lordship for ressaiving and admitting of the said Maister George to be ane actuall minister and for planting of him in the said kirk.

3 November 1625.

3. The commissioners of borrowis beand convenit, compeirit the commissioners of the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundye and Abirdein, and maid report that according to the commissioun givin to theme the first of this instant they past to the richt reuerend father in God Johnne Archiebischop of Sanct Androes, and presented to him Maister George Sydserrff whome they had elected to be minister at thair kirk of Campheir, and that the said reuerend father in God, Johnne Archiebischop of Sanct Androes, vnderstanding of his abilitie and qualificatioun, had agried to admitt him and ressaive him to the said kirk, thairfore the present commissioners ordanis the burghis of Dundye, Sanct Androes, Coupar and Crail to send thair commissioners to meitt and convey at

Commissione,
minister at
Campheir, mis-
sive.

EDINBURGH.
3 November
1625.

Commissione,
minister at
Campheir, mis-
sive.

the burgh of Sanct Androes the sevint of this instant, with continuatioun of dayes, to quhome so convenand they giue thair full powar and commissioun for themeselffis and in name and behalf of the remanent borrowis to deale with the said Archiebischop of Sanct Androes with all convenient diligence to graunt ordinatioun to the said Maister George, quhome they haue chosen and presented to the vacand ministrie of the said kirk at Campheir, and to admitt him to the said plaice, with powar lyikwayes to the saids commissionaris, in thair names and representand the haill merchandis in this kingdome, to ressaive the said Maister George as minister and ordiner pastor of the said kirk ; and the saids burghis to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Contract
burroues, Syd-
serve, missive.

4. Forsuameikle as the commissioners of borrowis haiving chosen and presentit Maister George Syidserff to the ministrie at thair staiple port at Campheir, thairfore they haue for themeselffis, and in name and behalf of the remanent borrowis of this kingdome, agried and condiscendit that the said Maister George sall haive for his maintenance ane yeirly stipend of aucht hundreth guidlingis to be payit to him at four termes in the yeir, beginning the first termes payment at Candlemes nixt, and for guid and thankfull payment thair of the saids commissioners for theme selffis, and in name and behalf of the remanent borrowis of this realme, and as haiving powar from theme, bindis and obleissis theme and thair burghis to caus thair collectour of the impost apointed to be vplifted for defraying of the ministers stipend mak guid and thankfull payment to him at the termes foresaid during his residence and ministrie thair ; as lyikwayes hes ordanit and be thir presentis ordanis thair present collectour, and all vther thair collectouris in tyme cuming, to mak thankfull payment to the said Maister George of the said stipend at the termes abone-writtin induring his residence as said is, and the same salbe allowit to theme in thair comptes, they reporting his dischairge theranent ; and for his better provisioun they appoint for his duelling hous the hous appointed to be provydit for thair pastor in the contract past betuix the commissioners for the natioun and the commissioners for his Excellence and the toun of Campheir, of the dait at Campheir the nyntein of November the yeir of God 1612 yeires, with all priueleges and immunities belonging thairto. The whiche stipend, with the provisioun of the duelling hous abonewrittin, and with the cure of the said kirk, the said Maister George

compeirand accepted, and in taiken thair of hes with the commissioners subscryuit thir presentis, day moneth and yeir abonewrittin ; and ordains the premissis to be rememberit in the nixt generall missiwe, and ilk burgh to be requyrit to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed to the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis for ratyfieing and approving thair haill proceedings heiranent.

EDINBURGH.
3 November
1625.

Contract
burroues, Syd-
serve, missive.

5. The saids commissioners of borrowis ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to caus defray Maister George Syidserff, minister presentlie elected for serving the kirk of Campheir, his chairges for his transportatioun to the said toun of Campheir, and the said present commissioners obleissis theme and thair burghes to caus the samin to be repayit to theme at the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, and ordanis the said burgh of Edinburgh to direct lettres with the said Maister George to the present conservatour and to the magistrattis of the said toun of Campheir to ressaive him, and to thair factouris and all vthers quhome they sall think neidfull, and the said burgh of Edinburgh to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Edinburgh,
minister in
Campheir, mis-
sive.

4 November 1625.

6. The commissioners of borrowis beand convenit, compeirit the commissioners of the burgh of Edinburgh and reported how that James Lennox, conservatour clerk and present collectour of the impost grantit for defraying of the ministers stipend at Campheir, had signified to thair burgh his resolutioun no longer to continew in that service bot till the first of Majj nixt allanerlie, and desyrit theme to provyid for the said plaice in tyme, the saids commissioners of borrowis ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to deale with the said James for continuing in that service ; and if it salhappin he cannot be persuadit thairto, gevis full powar and commissioun to the burgh of Edinburgh for plaiceing of ane sufficient and qualifiet persone in the said plaice, and to wryte to the conservatour for his concurrence in the said mater, that quho salbe appointed collectour may also be conservatour clerk ; and the said burgh of Edinburgh to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall convention of borrowis.

Commissione,
Edinburgh,
conservator,
clerk, missive

7. Forsamikle as the commissioners of borrowis convenit at the burgh of Edinburgh in August last, recensing the apparent lose of the barkers

Commissione,
Edinburgh,
anent the
barking, mis-
sive.

EDINBURGH.
4 November
1625.

quhairby that tred wes licklie to decay amangs the saids frie borrowis, and they licklie to lose ane member of thair bodye, and that throw the new introduced forme of tanning be my Lord Erskine and impositioun layed vpon the hyids, had thairfore meanit themeselffis to the lordis of his Majesties most honorabill privie counsall, who continewit thair ansuer to the last counsall day of October last, and seing as yit they haue ressaut no ansuer thairof, thairfore the saids commissioners ordanis to insist in the said supplicatioun, and gives full powar and commissioun to the burgh of Edinburgh according to the ansuer that salbe gevin with the first occasioun that thai sall haue to convein anie of the saids borrowis, to requyre theme lyikwayes to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructit in the said mater, and the said burgh of Edinburgh to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Anent feuing
of burroue
lands, missive.

8. The saids commissioners of borrowis, vnderstanding that sindrie of the borrowis war redacted to grit necessite and povertie, pairtlie be setting out of thair borrow landis to thair nichtboures in few at ane small avall, and pairtlie be thair nichtboures quho disponis the samyne to noblemen and gentilmen circumadjacent, who by this meanes incroches vpon thair liberties to thair utter ruine and decay, thairfore ordains the same to be rememberit in the nixt generall missiwe, and ilk burght to be requyrit to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis for setting doun of such lawis and statuttis as may prevent the lyik incommoditie in tyme cuming and for finding out sum guid remeid for helping of such lyik bygane incommodities.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
28 March 1626.

Edinburgh, Johnne Maknacht, merchand; Thomas Weir, peuderer; Perth, Andro Gray; Dundie, Thomas Halyburnetoun; Abirdin, Paull Meinzeis; Stirling, Johnne Scherar; Lynlithgow, James Glen; Sanct-androes, Johnne Lepar; Glasgow, Patrik Bell; Air, Johnne Cuninghame; Dysart, Alexander Simpsoun; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne; Kirkcaldie, Johnne Williamesoun; Muntros, Maister William Makeane; Couper, Daid Andersoun; Anstruther Eister, Robert Alexander; Dumfreis, Fraunceis Irwing; Innernes, Duncan Forbes; Bruntlyland, Williame

Miklejohnne; Innerkeithing, William Blaikburne; Kinghorne, Maister Robert Cuninghame; Irwin, James Scott; Elgyne, Maister Johnne Hay; Jedburgh, Alexander Kirkcoun; Kirkcudbright, Johnne Stewart; Wigtoun, Johnne Turner; Pettinveyne, George Kingyow; Dumfermeling, Maister Thomas Wardlaw; Dumbartane, Johnne Simpill; Lanerick, James Hammiltoun; Peibles, James Williamesoun; Craill, Johnne Mackiesoun; Thayne, Andro Makculloch; Selkirk, Andro Ker; Anstruther Wester, Robert Richardsone; Culros, Gilbert Gourlay; Dumbar, George Purves; Forfar, Johnne Mylne; Rothesay, Mathow Spens; Rutherglen, Thomas Wilkein; Northberuick, Alexander Lauder; Lauder, Alexander Wilkesoun; Kilranie, Alexander Beatoun; Annand, Harbert Irrwing; Sanquhare, Johnne Cochrane; Brichen, Ramfrew, Abirbrothock, Bamff, Quhithorne, Forres, Culane, Lochmaben, and Nairne, (*blank*).

EDINBURGH.
28 March 1626.

28 March 1626:

1. Johnne Maknacht, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator. Moderator.

2. Comperit the agent and verified the wairning of the haill borrowis and the absent, viz., of Ramfrew be productioun of their handwritt of the ressaie of the missive direct to theme, and the rest be George Ramsay, post.

Wairning
verified.

3. Compeirit Maister Johnne Hay, commissioner direct be the burgh of Edinburgh, for themselves and in name and behalf of the remanent frie royall borrowis of this kingdome, to his Majestie, in the moneth of December last, and reported how that he, in their names, haiving petitioned his Maiestie that the actes of parliament maid anent transportation of forbidden guides micht be putt in executioun, and that all licences for dispensing with the same micht be dischairged, and that the custome imposit vpon victuall that is brocht within the cuntrey micht be lyikwayes dischairged, as lyikwayes in the mater of the raesing of the moneyis mentionat in the last conventioun of estaittes haldin at this burgh in Novembir last, and that they micht haif lettres of mark against the commoun enemye for repairing of such losses as thai micht sustein, and how that it had graciouslie pleased his Maiestie to accept and conssaive of their petitionnes, and thairfore had directit his missive lettir to the lordis of his Maiesties most honorabill privie counsall, willing theme

Hay, report
anent forbid-
den guds, vic-
tuall, money.

EDINBURGH.
23 March 1626.
Hay, report
anent forbid-
den guds, vic-
tuall, money.

by act of counsell to dischaarge the transportatioun of all guides forbid-
den to be transportit by actes of parliament and all licences grantit to
the contrarie, excepting onlie such licences as sould be grauntit by his
Maiesties particular directioun and warrand ; as also willing theme to
dischaarge all customes imposit vpone forraine victuall and to mak inti-
matioun thairof ; and anent the mater of the money how that his Maies-
tie fund it reasonable that if the money sould be reased that his whole
subjectes micht haue delyverit bak at the nixt terme thairefter such
monevis at the lyik value as wes givin furth by theme, and thairfore
willing theme to tak such course heirin as they sould find best for the
publict weill and the borrowis satisfactioun ; and as for the lettres of mark,
his Maiestie wes weill pleased to graunt the samin and thairfore requyrit
the said lordis to grant the same to all his subjectes that wer interest,
vpone assurance for doeing of such thinges as wer accustomed to be per-
formit in such caices, as at mair lenth is contenit in his Maiesties lettre
direct to the saids lordis theranent quho had continewit thair ansuer till
the penult of this instant. With the which proceedings the borrowis pre-
sentlie convenit being acquainted, they for themeselffis, and in name of
thair haill borrowis and successouris, does ratife and approve in all
thinges ; and thairfore ordanis that they insist till they ressaive ane
finall ansuer in the saids particulars, and hairtilie does thank his Maiestie
for his gracious remembrance of theme, for the whiche they doe promise
evir to continew his Maiesties most loyall and obedient subjectes, to offer
thair lyffes and guides in all his Maiesties royall seruices. And farder the
said maister Johnne producd ane lettre direct to theme from his Majestie
quhairin he was intrustit for proponing to thair consideratioun certan
articles, and, first, that it vald pleis theme to compone for the extraor-
dinar taxatioun by paying the lyik soume for the same as is payit for
the ordinar ; nixt, that it vald pleis theme to advance to his Maiestie
thair pairt of the taxatioun for furneissing of these schips which his
Maiestie is to sett furth for the publict defeuce of the realme, with thair
advyse anent the number that salbe fitt for that purpose and maner of
furnischung ; thridlie, to sie quhat farder help besyid the taxatioun they
vald graunt and give for secunding his Maiesties so worthie and neces-
sarie designe quhen they sould sie the same sett fordvard ; fourtlie, quhen
anie fortressis or defences ar maid within anie burgh or neir thervnto

that the inhabitantis thair of may in sum measure contribute by the travellis of men in sua far as thai may convenientlie doe to help theme who sall haive charge frome his Maiestie ; and last, declaired that he had sum farder to impaire to theme frome his Maiestie whiche in tyme convenient he sould impaire. With the whiche propositiounes and articles the saidis commissioners being advysit they humbly thank his Maiestie for his princelie and royall cair over this his ancient kingdome and continewis thair forder ansuere to the morne.

EDINBURGH.
28 March 1626.

Hay, report
anent forbid-
den guds, vic-
tuals, money.

29 March 1626.

4. The commissioneris of borrowis, beand convenit and beand ryplie advysit with the articles proponit to theme be maister Johnne Hay, and whiche wer intrusted to him be his Maiestie, our dread Soveraine, and as necessitie does compell theme to profes the grit and eminent dainger quhairvnto they lye exposed by thair waiknes if anie forraine enemy sould mak invasioun vpon anie pairt of this cuntrey, and especiallie vpon the borrowis, so they most lykwayes acknowledge his Maiesties fatherlie and princelie cair towards theme, for the which they are aughtin to his Maiestie both thair lyffes and guides, and thairfore at all occasiounes sall studie to schaw thair guid affectiounes by thair actiounes, bot since the maters proponit ar of that consequence and wecht and that they had no particular advyse in non of theme frome thair borrowis, thairfore for better effectuatting of his Maiesties desyres in sua far as lyes within the vttermost reache of thair powar, they hawe thocht guid for giving his Maiestie the better satisfacioun, before anie ansuere be givin to the saids propositiounes, to advyse with thair borrowis theranent, for the whiche caus the present commissioners, for themeselffis and in name and behalf of thair borrowis, ilk commissioner taking the burdein in and vpon him for his owne burgh, does obleis themeselffis to returne themeselffis with ampill and sufficient commissioun frome thair borrowis, or that thair burgh sall send commissioners sufficientlie instructit for giving ansuer to the saids articles, and to meit and conveyin at this burgh the aughtein of Apryle nixt, which day they haive appointit and appointes to be the first day of thair said meitting, with continuatioun of

Continuatioun
of the overtures
proponed.

EDINBURGH.
29 March 1626.

dayes, and that without anie forder citatioun to be maid to theme, vnder the payne of xl lib. of vulaw to ilk burgh absent the said day.

30 March 1626.

Agent, Rae,
Porterfeild,
missive.

5. On the supplication of William Rae to be freed of his surety for David Porterfeild, factor at Campheir, the commissioners ordained the factor to find other caution at next general convention.

Commissione,
barkers,
missive.

6. Gave power to the burgh of Edinburgh to convene certain burghs "anent the supplicatioun gevin in be the barkers."

31 March 1626.

Forbidden
guds, etc.

7. Ordained the commissioners present to intimate the letter mentioned in the third act of this convention to the burghs at their homecoming, and require them to send their commissioners to next general convention sufficiently instructed thereanent.

Commissione,
Glasgow, etc.

8. Ordained the burghs following to intimate to the burghs absent, viz., Glasgow to Ramfrew, Munros to Brichen and Abirbrothok, Wigtoun to Quhithorne, Elgyne to Forres, Culane and Banff; and Invernes to Nairne, the whole proceedings of this convention and articles to be concluded on 18th April next.

Penall statuts,
missive.

9. Anent that pairt of his Majesties lettere concerning the putting to executioun the actes of parliament maid anent transportatioun of forbidden guides, ordanis ilk burgh to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructit for condescending vpone the seuerall guides they sall think meit not to be comprehendit within the said generalitie and vpone quhat restrictiounes and provisiounes.

Factors,
missive.

10. The commissioners of borrowis being informit that the factouris at Campheir, notwithstanding that thai ar bund be diuers actes of borrowis to vnderlye such iniunctiounes as is alreddie sett down be the borrowis and such vther as thai sall think neidfull for the weill of the natioun tredding thair, does not obey the same, thairfore ordanis ilk burgh to be requyrit to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructit for taking ane solid and satlit course with the saids factouris and for appointing of vthers factouris in plaice of the present factouris in caice

thai sall continew in thair contumacie, and ordanis the same to be eikit to the generall missiwe be way of postcript.

EDINBURGH.
31 March 1626.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
18 April 1626.

Edinburgh, Johnne Maknacht, Thomas Weir ; Perth, Andro Gray ; Dundye, Thomas Halyburnetoun ; Abirdein, Maister Alexander Japhray ; Stirling, Johnne Scherare ; Lynlithgow, James Glen ; Sanctandros, Johnne Lepar ; Glasgow, Patrik Bell ; Air, Johnne Osburne ; Dysart, Alexander Simpoun ; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cockburne ; Kirkcaldie, Johnne Williamesoun ; Montrose, Patrik Liehtoun ; Couper, David Anderson ; Anstruther Eister, Robert Alexander ; Dumfreis, Fraunces Irwing ; Innernes, be ratificatioun producit be agent ; Bruntyland, Williame Miklejohnne ; Innerkeithing, William Blaikburne ; Kinghorne, Maister Robert Cuninghame ; Brichen, David Lindesay ; Irwing, James Scott ; Elgyne, Robert Hardie ; Jedburgh, Alexander Kirktoun ; Kirkcudbricht, Johnne Ewart ; Wigtoun, Williame Dumbar ; Pettinveyne, George Kinghorne ; Dumfermeling, Maister Thomas Wardlaw ; Dumbartane, Johnne Simple ; Ramfrew, George Hall ; Lanerick, James Hammiltoun ; Abirbrothik, Maister Johnne Grainger ; Peibles, James Williamesoun ; Craill, Johnne Mackiesoun ; Selkirk, Andro Ker ; Anstruther Wester, Robert Ritchardsoun ; Culros, Gilbert Gourlay ; Dumbar, George Purves ; Bamff, Thomas Scherone ; Forfar, Patrik Suittie ; Rothesay, be ratificatioun produced be Glasgow ; Forres, Thomas Tulloch ; Rutherglen, Thomas Wilkein ; Northberuick, Johnne Mure ; Lauder, Alexander Wilkesoun ; Kilrenie, Alexander Beatoun ; Annand, Walter Myller ; Lochmavin, Adam Johnnestoun ; Sanquhar, be ratificatioun producit be Dumfreis ; Thayne, Quhithorne, Culane, and Nairne (*blank*).

18 April 1626.

1. Johnne Maknacht, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected Moderator.
moderator.

2. The commissioners of borrowis beand convenit, efter deliberatioun taikin anent the first article proponit be Maister Johnne Hay frome his Maiestie for componing for the extraordinier taxatioun by paying thairfore

Answers to the
articles anent
the taxatioun,
shipping, etc.

EDINBURGH.
18 April 1626.

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the taxatioun,
schipping, etc.

as they pay for the ordinaire, the present commissioners findis that the povertie of the maist pairt of the borrowis is so grit that they find theme-selffis be nowayes subject to the said extraordiner taxatioun, considdering that within a grit pairt of the saids burghis thair ar no persones that hes so much money furth vpone annuell as may bring theme vnder the compas of the said extraordiner taxatioun, and thairfore findis it meittest that the same be left indifferent, that such as ar vnder the compas thair of may compone or not compone as they sall find the same necessar and expedient for the weill of thair inhabitantis. And anent the second article concerning the advancing to his Maiestie thair pairt of the taxatioun for furneising of these schips which his Maiestie is to sett furth for the publick defence of the cuntrey, the saids commissioners does humbly acknowledge his Maiestie favour and princelie cair towards this his ancient kingdome, regraitting thair owne inhabilitie to satisfie his Maiesties princelie desyre, humbly intreating his Maiestie that quhair thair meanes and habilitie ar not ansuerabill to thair hairts and guid affectiounes, to accept of ane willing mynd which they sall euir be reddie to manieifest to his Maiestie by thair true and loyable seruice in all his Maiesties effaires, to the effusioun of thair blood and sacrificing of thair lyiffes, protesting that this thair not yeilding to that his Maiesties so guid desyre does onlie proceed of thair owne knowne povertie and inhabilitie, acknowledging that thair can be no strenth more stedable to this cuntrey for resisting of forraine invasion then that of schipping, quhairin they refer themeselffis to his Maiesties princelie and fatherlie cair, whairon they repose and relye as vpone thair onlie strenth (vnder God) in all thinges concerning thair saiftie and schrewding theme frome such lyik forraine offence. And anent the thrid article, for sieing quhat forder help besyid the taxatioun they vauld graunt and give for secunding his Maiesties so worthie and necessarie designe quhen they sould sie the same sett fordvard, the saids commissioners declaires and promiseis they sall at all tymes, according to thair powar, be reddie with the rest of the estaittes to contribute thair best help for furtherance of that his Maiesties designe quhen they salbe requyrit. And last, anent the help craived by the labour and traueillis of men for bigging of such fortressis and defenssis as salbe build within anie burgh or neir thirvnto, the saids commissioners findis the same verie expedient, and thairfore does heirby promise that in quhat burghis or neir

vnto quhat burghis it sall pleis his Maiestie to caus build fortressis or defenses that the borrowis nixt adjacent sall caus these inhabitantis contri-
 bute thair trauellis and laboures so far as thai expedientlie may for
 assisting of these who sall haive chairge in the saidis workes. And
 ordanis ane missiwe lettre to be drawin vpon thair names to be direct to
 his Maiestie, keiping the substance abonewrittin, and ordanis the
 moderatour and ane pairt of the present commissioners and thair clerk to
 subscriue the same, for the quhilk this present act salbe thair warrand.

EDINBURGH.
 18 April 1626.
 Answers to the
 articles anent
 the taxatione,
 schipping, etc.

22 April 1626.

3. The commissioners of borrowis beand convenit, it is thocht fitt and
 expedient that inrespect of the diuers and wechtie effaires that does so
 oft occur concerning this estait betuixt generall conventiounes, and the
 saids borrowis lyand far distant frome vthers, dispersit through the hail
 corners of this kingdome, swa that thai haif not occasioun of convening
 for consulting and deliberatting vpon the saids effaires, thairfore and for
 preuening of all inconvenience this estait may incur, ordeans that quhen-
 soeur anie thing sall occur that may import this estait that the burgh of
 Edinburgh, according as thai sall get notice of these occurrences, sall con-
 vein the nixt adjacent borrowis, with such vthers as thai sall think the
 saids maters sall maist concerne, to the number of ten or tuelff borrowes
 at the fewest, that course may be taiken with a mutuall and vniforme
 consent of the best expedient in all thinges, and this to be the onlie course
 to be taikin in all tyme cuming notwithstanding of anie preceeding actes.

Commissione,
 Edinburgh,
 particular
 conventiounes.

4. Ordained the burghs of Kirkcaldie, Dysart, Montrose and Dundye to pro-
 duce to next general convention certain persons "for taking ordour with George
 Suittie, merchand, anent the impost grantit to him . . . or els to caus the saids
 persounes mak payment to him of his dewties."

Sutie, certane
 burroues, mis-
 sive.

5. Forsameikle as the borrowes, haiving drawin vp ane ansuer to be
 givin to his Majesties lettere direct to theme and anent the propositiounes
 proponit be Maister Johnne Hay to theme in his Majestes name, the
 commissioners ordanis the moderator to haue ane cair to direct the said
 letter to Sir Williame Alexander secretarie to his Maiestie and ordanis
 ane missive to be direct to the said Sir Williame in thair names recom-
 mending the said mater to his cair, with ane intreattie for interponing his

Commissione,
 moderator.

EDINBURGH.
22 April 1626.
Commissione,
moderator.

credeit at his Majesties handis thairin for the reasounes the same does
contein, and for continuance of his Majesties favour, as thai salbe reddie at
all occasiounes to requyt his kyndnes in quhat in them lyes.

DUMBAR.
4 July 1626.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at DUMBAR.*

Edinburgh, Johnne Macknacht, Williame Nemock; Perth, Andro Gray; Dundye, Thomas Halyburnetoun; Abirdein, Maister Vedast Lowsoun; Stirling, Johnne Sherare; Lynlithgow, Thomas Vduard; Sanct-androes, Robert Taelyeour; Glasgow, Patrik Bell; Air, Johnne Osburne, younger; Dysart, Alexander Simpsoun; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne; Kirkcaldie, Johnne Williamesoun; Muntrose, Johnne Gairdin; Couper, Robert Pitorsoun; Anstruther Eister, Thomas Mertein; Dumfreis, Fraunces Irwing; Innernes, Duncan Forbes; Bruntlyland, Maister Andro Wilsoun; Innerkeithing, Williame Blaikburne; Kinghorne, Johnne Kirkcaldie; Brichen, Williame Lyoun; Irwin, James Scott; Elgyne, Williame Leslie; Jedburgh, Alexander Kirktoun; Kirkcudbright, Johnne Ewart; Wigtoun, Patrik Edzear; Dumbartane, Johnne Sempill; Lanerick, Gedioun Jak; Peibles, Johnne Lowis; Craill, Patrik Hunter; Selkirk, Johnne Flescheour; Anstruther Wester, Williame Dairsie; Culros, Andro Gibsoun; Dumbar, George Swan, George Purves; Bamff, Archibald Gregour; Forres, Andro Forbas; Lauder, Mark Sandersoun; Dumfermeling, Ramfrew, Abirbrothok, Quhithorne, Forfar, Rothesay, Northberuick, and Annand, be exemptioun and ratificatioun productit be agent; Rutherglen, be exemptioun and ratificatioun productit be Glasgow; Kilrane, be exemptioun and ratificatioun productit be Anstruther Eister; Thayne, ratificatioun productit be agent; Pettinveyne, Nairne, Culane, Lochmaben, and Sanquhare (*blank*).

4 July 1626.

Citatioun.
Moderator.
Hours of
meitting.
Outland bur-
gessis, etc.

1. The commissioner of Dumbar verified the citation of the burghs.
2. George Swane, first in commission for Dumbar, elected moderator.
3. Hours of meeting and regulations as to attendance, speaking and voting same as last general convention.
4. Act passed in terms similar to the 6th act of last general convention.

5. The commissioners having found that the burghs had observed the 7th act of last general convention, of new ordained each burgh to put the same to execution. DUMBAR.
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6. Finding that the burghs had satisfied the 12th act of last general convention, the commissioners "recommends the samin to them of new to be fullie and inviolablie keiped in all tyme cuming." Measure of
glass.
Sending of
commissioners
to parliament
and conven-
tions.
7. Finding the 29th act of last general convention to have been observed by all the burghs, the commissioners ordained the observance thereof in all time coming. Act, bill of
laidning.
8. The agent produced letters of horning against Baell and Touch as required by the 4th act of last general convention and he was ordained to do further diligence. Agent, dili-
gence contra
Baill and
Touch, missive.
9. The burgh of Montrose having fulfilled the 10th act of last general convention, the unlaw formerly incurred by them was discharged. Montrose, dili-
gence contra
unfree traders,
missive.

5 July 1626.

10. The commissioneris of borrowis beand convenit anent the grit hurt sustenit be the trafficquers of this natioun to Fraunce through the factours thair, who, not contenting themeselffis with the benefeit of thair factorie and quhat may redound to theme therby, bot becumes merchandis and buyis to thair awin vse all kynd of commodities that cummes frome this natioun, so that all vther merchandis that imployis theme ar frustrat of the saell of thair guides till the saids factouris guides be first dispatchit; as lyikwayes, the saids factouris, to the grit preiudice of the merchandis, when they haif maid sell of the merchandis guidis and hes givin compt therof, yit does mak such rebaittes at the payment as the merchands ar grittumlie frustrat of thair expectit proffeit, and not onlie heirby they preiudge the merchandis bot also makkis all banquerouttis fall into thair hands, nather doe thay mak payment to thair merchandis in such speces of money as they sould, to the gritt hurt of the haill natioun tredding to these pairtis; with the whiche abuses the saids commissioners being aduysit they as of befor ordanis ilk burgh to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructit to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis with such overtures as they sall think requisite for preventing of such lyik incommodities in tyme cuming, vnder the payne of tuentie pundis ilk burgh. Factors in
France, mis-
sive.

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5 July 1626.

Culane,
magistrats,
commoun
lands, missive.

Suspensione,
maister of
Forbes and
Hairthill,
agent, diligence
missive.

11. Ordaine the burgh of Culane to proceed in their elections, &c., and the burgh of Aberdein to take trial, as required by the 23d act of last general convention, and previous acts.

12. Anent that heid of the missiwe ordaining ilk burgh to send thair commissioner sufficientlie instructit for setting downe ane satlit course with the maister of Forbes and laird of Hairthill for thair faires of Sanct Bartill and Sanct Laurence faires, the saids commissioners being advysit therewith, thai ordaine the agent to caus call the suspensioun depending betuixt the borrowis and theme and to insist therintill, and ordanis the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundye and Abirdein to concur and attend the decisioun thairfof, and to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Burghs of
baronie, Edin-
burgh, missive.

Haddingtoun,
Mortoun, mis-
sive.

Dumbar, Dum-
freis, electione,
magistrats.

Linlithgowe,
contra Gib,
etc., missive.

Lennox, col-
lector, fiail,
ratificatione.

Conservator,
articles, mis-
sive.

13. Act passed in terms similar to the 14th act of last general convention.

14. Act passed in terms similar to the 15th act of last general convention.

15. 16. Anent the 18th and 22d acts of last general convention, the commissioners found that the burgh of Dumbar had proceeded in their last election conform to the acts, and ordained them to observe the same in future.

17. Anent the 17th act of last general convention, the commissioners found that the burgh of Linlithgow had done diligence, and ordained them to take further proceedings against unfree traders.

18. The commissioners ratified and approved of the 34th act of the general convention held on 14th July last.

19. The commissioners ratified the whole proceedings of the burghs mentioned in the 51st act of last general convention, with the articles and instructions set down to the conservator.

Abuses anent
the fisching,
missive.

20. Anent that heid of the missiwe concerning the fisching and forme of barrell, mentionat in the 24 act of the said last conventioun haldin at the burgh of Glasgow the sevint day of Julij last, the saids commissioners of borrowis ordanis ilk burgh to mak intimatioun of the saids actes maid anent the fisching, viz., the act maid anent the forme of barrell at Edinburgh the 12 of Julij 1616, the act maid anent the fisching at Dumfreis 1622, and the act maid at Glasgow the said last generall conventioun, to thair merchandis, skippers, coupers, and vthers quhome the same does concerne, and to putt the same to dew executioun in all

the pointes thairof, conforme to the tennouris of the samyn, vnder the paines contenit in the saids actes; as also considdering that the said fisching is the grittest benefeit this cuntrey does effoord, and through sindrie abuses the same does turne not onlie to the hurt of the merchand tredders with the saids waires bot also to the disgraice of the hail natioun in these pairts whither the saids commodities is transportit, thairfore ordanis ilk burgh to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructit with thair best overtures for remeid thairof and preventing the lyik incommoditie in tyme cuming, and to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis vnder the payne of fourtie pundis ilk burgh.

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5 July 1626.
Abuses anent
the fisching,
missive.

21. The saids commissioners of borrowis ordanis thair clerk to draw furth all and quhatsumeuir actes and statuttis that hes bein maid in anie tyme heirtofoir concerning the staiple port, conservatour, or factoures, with all and quhatsumeuir lawis maid be the borrowis for governing of the natioun thair, and to mak tuo buikes thairof, ane to be delyverit to the conservatour to be keiped be him at the said staiple port and to be signed be him, and the vther to be keiped amongst the rest of the registers, and he to report his diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Clerk, statuts,
diligence, mis-
sive.

22. Dispensed with the unlaws incurred by certain burghs for being absent from conventions.

Dischairge,
unlayes.

6 July 1626.

23. The commissioners found that the burgh of Innernes had observed the 5th act of last general convention, and ordained them to take farther proceedings against unfree traders.

Innernes con-
tra certain in
Comptone,
missive.

24. Anent the aucht act of the particular conventioun [held on 4th November 1625], the saids commissioners being ryplie avysit therwith for preventing the lyik incommoditeis in tyme cuming and till farder course be taiken for remeid and help of such borrowis as ar alreadie ruinat be such kynd of dealing, hes thocht gind, statut, and ordained, and be thir presentis statuttis and ordanis that no burgh sett furth thair commoun landis, fischingis, watters, mylnis, or quhatsumeuir vther thinges perteing to thair commoun guid, or anie pairt thairof, in few or tack to

Statut, setting
of commoun
lands in few or
tak, missive.

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6 July 1626.

Statut, setting
of commoun
lands in few or
tak, missive.

anie persounes quhatsumeir, bot at the hiest avail, and that onlie to thair nichtbouris, actuall residents, merchandis, and craftismen within thair burgh, beiring all portable chairges within the samin, and with speciall provisioun and conditioun that if it salhappin the saids burgessis to dispone thair few or tak to anie persoun bot to ane burges of the same burgh, merchand or tredsmen duelling within the burgh, and beiring portable chairges therin, and with provisioun that thair aires, not being burgessis and residents within the burgh, or not beiring portable chairges therin, in that caice the saids fewis or takkis to fall and returne to the toun bak againe without any farder proces of law, so that it sall not be lafull to anie persoun to bruik anie pairt of the commoun guid of anie burgh bot such persounes as ar merchandis or tredismen within the burghis, actuall residentis, and beiring all portable chairges with thair nichtboures therin; and farder, in caice it salhappin anie burgessis to dispone thair fewis or takkis to persounes of vthir degrie or qualitie nor is abovewrittin, in that caice it sall not be lawfull to the burgh to ressaive such lyik persone for tennent in thair plaice, vnder the payne of ane hundreth pundis, *toties quoties*, to be payit be the burgh delinquent to the borrowis, and nullative of the fewes or takkis so sett; and ordanis ilk commissioner present to intimat this present act to thair borrowis at thair home cuming, and ilk burgh to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis vnder the payne of xx lib., and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive; and in caice thair occur ane parliament betuixt and the nixt conventioun that this present statut be remem-berit and sought to be ratified therin with quhat farder additioun salbe thoct neidfull for the weill of the borrowis.

Innernes, com-
moun lands,
missive.

25. Ordained the burgh of Innernes to roup and put their common good and common lands to the highest avail, and to produce a perfect rental of the same at next general convention.

Act, factors
wyfes, books,
conservator,
diligence, mis-
sive.

26, 27. The conservator having reported that certain of the factors had declined to comply with the 28th act of last general convention, the commissioners of new ratified the same, and ordained that such of the factors as did not obey the act before 1st January next should be deprived "of thair offices and of all benefit of the natioun."

Victuall,
barroues, dili-
gence, missive.

28. Auent the 19th act of the last general conventioun . . . com-perit the commissioners of the burgh of Edinburgh and maid report of

thair proceedings with the saids lordis in the said mater of victuall immediatlie efter thair returne frome the said last generall conventioun, together with thair proceedings in the moneth of Apryle last with the saids lordis in the said mater, quhairby it was agriet and condiscendit vpone that the victuall cuming to such rates it sould be leasume to the merchand to import forraine victuall at thair pleasure ; as lyikwayes at all tymes to import rye frome the eister seyis, vnder provisioun the samin sould nocht be sauld within the cuntrey except the victuall did aryse to such pryces as wes then agriet vpone ; as lyikwayes it sould be lafull to the merchandis within the cuntrey to export victual without anie licence, the samin being within the saidis raittes ; whiche agriement haith not as yit bein inacted be the saids lordis nor publicatioun maid therof ; thairfore the present commissioners of borrowis ordanis the burghis that ar ordanit to meit at Edinburgh the tent of this instant to petitioun the lordis of his Maiesties counsell for publicatioun of the said statute, and to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

DUMBAR.
6 July 1626.
Victuall,
burroues, dili-
gence, missive.

29. The saids commissioners of borrowis, vnderstanding that the commissioun of the grievances is renewit, and considdering withall the grit hurt sustenit be the haille cuntrey in the mater of transportatioun of wooll, as lyikwayis of transportatioun of scheip and nolt, as lyikwayes the grit hurt sustenit be the haille barkeris of this kingdome and lieges be the new forme of tanning introduced be my Lord Erskein, and impositioun layed vpone the lether not onlie barkit and tannit within this cuntrey bot all lether importit to this cuntrey frome forraine pairtis, thairfore ordanis the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundye, Abirdein, Stirling, Lynlithgow, Sanct Androes, Glasgow, Haddingtoun, Kirkcaldie and Munros and Couper, to meit and convein at the burgh of Edinburgh the tent of this instant, with continuatioun of dayis, to treat and conclud anent the best meanes for preventing of the farder growth of the saids hurtis and prosecuting of the same before the commissioners that ar appointed be his Maestic for heiring of the grievances at such tymes as it sall happin the saids commissioners to sitt : to which borrowis sua converand, or maist pairt of theme, the saids commissioners of borrowis grantis and gives thair full powar and commissioun to doe into the saids maters quhatsumeuir they nicht doe themselfis as they sall think maist expedient for the weill of the borrowis, with powar also to the saids burghis convenand to vnlaw

Commissione,
scheip, nolt,
barking, wool,
fisching, mis-
sive.

DUMBAR,
6 July 1626.

Commissioners,
schep, nolt,
barking, wool,
fishing, mis-
sive.

the absents in ane vnlaw of xx lib. ; as lyikwayes, the saids commissioners of borrowis bindis and obleissis [thame] and thair successouris to abyd and remayne at thair conclusiounes and determinatiounes in the saids mater and to ratifie and approve thair haill proceedings therin ; and farder, the present commissioners vnderstanding that the mater of the teind of the fishing of the Yles oft treattit vpone be the saids borrowis and Brys Sempill and Johnne Schaw, merchand, present takkismen of the saids teindis, hes [not] takin anie effect, thairfore the present commissioners gives full powar and commissioun to the saids burghis to treat and conclud with the saids Bryis Sempill and Johnne Schaw anent the said mater, and generallie all and sindrie vther thinges to doe in the premissis quhilk they nicht doe themeselfis giff thai wer personalie present, and the saids borrowis to report thair diligence and proceedings anent the premissis to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Ewen, Mure,
factors.

30. The commissioners consented to the admission of James Ewing and Hew Mure to be factors for the nation at Campheir.

Lennox, dili-
gence, con-
servator books.

31. Anent the 13th [and 30th acts of last general convention, James Lennox appeared] and declairit how [strict inhibitioun] had bein maid betuixt the king of Spayne and estaittis that nane sould pas frome the ane to the vther, so that all passage to West Flanders wes debarrit, and lyikwayis declairit that he had delyverit to my lord conservatour the buikes per-teining to the said conservatorie, viz., ane grit buik bund with broun broddis contening the haill priueleges and liberties grauntit be the potentates of the Lau Cuntreyis to the Scottis natioun, and als the haill actes, statuttis, and ordinaunces sett down be the kingis of Scotland and royall borrowis thair of at thair conventiounes tuitching the office of conservatorie ; the first gift therin contenit is grantit be Johune Duik of Burgonie, contening certan liberties and priueleges to all merchandis in the kingdome of Scotland and is of the dait the last day of Apryle ane thousand four hundreth and sevin yeires, and endis with ane act of counsall of the burgh of Edinburgh the 7 day of Apryle 1541 yeirs ; item, ane court buik beginnand the 23 day of Maij 1570 yeires and endand the 26 of August 1619 yeires ; item, ane vther court buik beginnand the second of Maij 1621 yeires and endand the 14 of Junij 1625 yeires. And Maister Patrik Drummond, present lord conservatour, being present,

grantit the ressait thairof; quhilk the saids borrowis acceptes for diligence. DUMBAR.
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32. Ordained the burgh of Abirdein to produce to next general convention Patrik Stewart, their burgess, who had "transportit certane staiple waires by the staiple port to the toun of Rotterdam contrare to the tennor of the contract past betuixt the commissioneris of borrowis and the toun of Campheir." Lennox, diligence, conservator books.
Abirdein, Stewart, missive.

33. The commissioners understanding that certain burgesses "had past away frome the Law Cuntreyes not paying thair dewis to my lord conservator," ordained the burghs wherein those persons dwell either to cause them make payment of the fees or to produce them to next general convention. Edinburgh, etc., certane thair nicht-bours, missive.

34. The commissioners remitted to those of their number appointed to meet at Edinburgh on 10th instant, the matter mentioned in the 39th act of last general convention. Commissione, borroues Bawtie, missive.

35. The commissioneris of borrowis, vnderstanding that the natioun and haill merchandis trafficquing to the Law Cuntreyis ar grittumlie dampnifet, hurt, and preiudgit be Jacob Kein, Mairtein Dekinrig, Baltan Meas and Hans Goverstoun, residentes at the toun of Campheir, be talking vpon theme to be factouris and buyars for the merchandis in Flanders and Holland and vthers that wer accustomit to cum down in grit number and buye fra the factouris thair skins and waires, and caussis theme to abyid at home, quhairby the natioun is constraynit to sell thair waires at lower pryces nor they wer accustomit to doe quhen the saids buyars cam down themeselfis in cumpanies, to the grit lose and disadvantage of our natioun, thairfore the saids commissioners of borrowis ordanis ilk burgh to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructit to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis for finding out sum remeid for the said hurt and preventing of such lyik incommoditie in tyme cuming, ilk burgh vnder the payne of tuentie pundis. Dekinrig, Maes, Goverstane, missive.

7 July 1626.

36, 37. George Sutie produced his accounts of his intromission with the impost granted to him from 1st August to 1st June last. The receipts amounted to £46, 7s 8d gritt Flemish money, leaving owing to him £1010, 19s 4d gritt. Sutie, compts, missive.

38. James Lennox produced his accounts of his intromission with the impost for the stipend of the minister etc. at Campheir. For the year to 1st May 1626 there was collected the sum of £151, 1s 10d gritt, and paid £202, leaving due £50, 18s 2d gritt. Commissione, Lennox, compts.

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7 July 1626.

Ratificatioun,
Sydservie,
minister at
Campheir.

39. Anent that heid of the missiwe ordaining ilk burgh to send their commissioner sufficientlie instructit to this conventioun in the mater of the plantatioun of the Kirk of Campheir, compeirit the commissioners of the burgh of Edinburgh, and for themselffis and in name of the remanent borrowis that mett and convenit at the burgh of Edinburgh in the particular conventioun haldin at the said burgh the first, thrid, and fourt dayes of Novembir last 1625 yeires, and ma'd report of their proceedings of the said mater of the plantatioun of the Kirk at Campheir, and how that thai had agriet with Maister George Sydsierff for serving the cure of the said kirk, and had appointit him his yeirle fiall and stipend, quhilkis haild proceedings the present commissioners haifing sein, red, and considerit, they ratifie approoves and confirmes conforme to the seuerall actes maid theranent in the said particular conventioun, in all the heides, claussis, and articles thairof, and obleissis theme and thair burghis and successouris to abyid and fulfill the saids particular borrowis proceedings in the said mater, conforme as said is, as if the samin had bein doone in this present conventioun.

Commissione,
supplicatione,
relict of un-
quhill Maister
Alexander
Makduff,
missive.

40. Anent the supplicatioun and missiwe lettre direct to the present commissioneris frome the relict of vmquhill Maister Alexander Makduff, late minister at Campheir, craiving, conforme to the custom of that cuntrey obseruit in Flanderis and the custome of this cuntrey, that it wald pleis thair lordships to bestow vpone hir ane half yeires stipend efter hir said vmquhill husbandis deceis in recompence of the guid seruice doone be hir said vmquhill husband to thair lordships, with the quhilk supplicatioun the saids commissioneris of borrowis being ryplie advysit, they remitt the same to the commissioners of borrowis that ar appointit to meitt at Edinburgh for heiring and fitting of James Lennox his comptes frome the first of Maij last till the first of August nixt.

Commissione
for the factors,
taxatioun,
missive.

41. Compeirit Maister Patrik Drumond, present lord conservatour, and maid report how that the magistrattis of the toun of Campheir intendit to caus the factoures for the natioun thair scatt and lott with theme in all thair contributiounes, not onlie in such thinges as is imposit vpone thair heretable landis bot also in such taxatioun as ar imposit vpone moveable guides, with the quhilk the present commissioneris of borrowis being advysit they find the same grittumlie to impair thair priueleges and libertie, and thairfore remittis the same to the com-

missioneris of borrowis that ar to meitt at Edinburgh the tent of this instant, with powar and commissioun to theme in thair naymes to wryte to the magistrattis at the said toun of Campheir, desyryng redres heirof, and all vthers thinges to doe heiranent as they sall find meitt for the weill of the borrowis, and the saids borrowis to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

DUMBAR.
7 July 1626.
Commissione,
for the factors,
taxatione,
missive.

42. The commissioners remitted to the burghs appointed to meet on 10th inst., "the desyre of my lord conservator craiving that it wald pleis thair lordschippis to continew that same favour towards him as thai haif doone laitlie to vmquhile Sir Robert Dinnelstoun in paying for the collectioun of his dewis."

Commissione,
conservators
desyre,
missive.

43. Continued till next general convention the matter referred to in the 31st act of last general convention.

Jedburgh con-
tra Lauder,
missive

44. Anent the supplicatioun gevin in to the last generall conventioun of borrowis be the burgh of Kinghorne, craiving help to thair decayit herberie, the saids commissioners of borrowis, vnderstanding that since the last generall conventioun they had obtenit of the lordis of his Maiesties secreit counsall ane licence for ingathering of ane voluntar contributioun, thairfore the saids commissioneris of borrowis recommendis the necessitie and expedencie of the said herberie to the borrowis that hes not as yit contribute thairto, earnestlie intreating theme not to withdraw thair helping hand frome so guid and necessar a work.

Kinghorne,
herberie, re-
commenda-
tione.

45. The agents' accounts extending to £373, 6s. 8d. orlained to be paid by each burgh sendung their share to next general convention.

Agent,compts,
missive.

46. It being regraitted be sindrie of the commissioneris of borrowis that in defalt of ane resident agent at court thair affaires did not goe on with that succes as was neidfull for thair estait, thairfore the saidis commissioneris ordanis the burghis that ar to meitt at Edinburgh the tent of this instant to convein before theme Maister Patrik Hammiltoun thair present agent at court, and to trye of him if he be of intentioun to mak his residence thair.

Commissione,
agent at court,
missive.

47. Granted licence to the burghs of Brichen, Forbes, Innerkeithing, Bamff, Elgyn, and Anstruther Wester to abide from all general conventions for three years.

Exemptions.

DUMBAR.
7 July 1626.
Kirkcaldie
contra Brunti-
land, missive.

48. Anent the complaint of the burgh of Kirkcaldie contrare the burgh of Bruntlyland for exacting and vplifting frome theme gritter customes and dewties of thair schips and guides arryving within thair herberies nor they wer accustomit to doe of befoir within thir tua yeires bygain, as also in exacting of certan customes of the guides that ar immediatlie putt out of thair schips and transportit in bottes homevard, thairfore the saids commissioneris of borrowis ordanis the burgh of Bruntlyland to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructit to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis to ansuer to the said complaint, with thair richtis they haif for vplifting thairrof, vnder the payne of tuentie pundis, and ilk burgh to be requyrit to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructit to the said nixt conventioun for decyding thairrof.

Agent, dis-
charge.

49. The agent granted the receipt and discharged the burghs of all sums of money which by the missive the commissioners had been directed to bring with them.

Purves, agent.

50. Ordained the agent to pay to George Purves, clerk of Dumbar, £20 for directing the missives.

Air, nixt con-
vention.

51. Dissolved the present general convention and ordained the next to be held at Air beginning on 3d July 1627.

EDINBURGH.
10 July 1626.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Johnne Maknacht, Williame Nemoock ; Perth, Andro Gray ; Dundye, Thomas Halyburnetoun ; Abirdein, Maister Vedast Lowsoun ; Stirling, Johnne Scherare ; Lynlithgow, Thomas Vduard ; Sanctandros, (*blank*) ; Glasgow, Patrik Bell ; Air, Johnne Osburne ; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne ; Kirkcaldye, Johnne Williame-soun ; Munros, Johnne Gairdin ; Coupar, Robert Pitorsoun ; Dumfreis, Fraunces Irwing ; Anstruther Eister, Thomas Mairtein ; Wigtoun, Patrik Edzear ; Bamff, Archibald Gregour ; Lanerick, Judian Jack.

10 July 1626.

Moderator.

1. Johnne Maknacht, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

2. Anent the [46] act of the last generall conventioun of borrowis haldin at the burgh of Dumbar the 7 day of Julij instant, giving commissioun to thir present commissioners auent Maister Patrik Hamiltoun, present agent at court, the saids commissioners considdering the inhabilitie of the haille borrowis throw the dayle decres of tred within this realme, so that for the most pairt they ar becum so impoverisched that thai ar scairce abill to vndergoe the vrgent and necessar effaires of thair burgh, and that the stipend bestowit vpon the said agent is becum verie heaue and burdenable to the whole borrowis, and withall considdering that the said plaice was onlie givin to ane actuall resident at court, and that during the borrowis will alanerlie, thairfore the saids commissioners haiffing full powar and commissioun frome the saids generall conventioun hes declarit, and be thir presentis declairis thair will theranent, that the said Maister Patrik continew no longer in the said plaice, and dischaarges him thair of and of all stipend and dewes belonging thairto, and declaires the said plaice to be vacand in thair handis, and becaus of the said Maister Patrik his absence for the present thairfore ordanis the commissioneris of borrowis that salhappin to conveyne at this burgh efter his returne to intimat this thair will to him, and in caice thair doe not occur ane particular conventioun betuixt and the nixt generall conventioun ordanis the said Maister Patrik to be cited thairto to heir and sie thair will declaired heiranent.

EDINBURGH.
10 July 1626.

Hamiltone,
agent, dis-
chaired.

3. Anent the 38 and 42 actes of last generall conventioun, [the commissioners] considering that the same persoun that ingatheris my lord conservator his dewes may with the same travaill vplift the ministers dewes, thairfoir they [appointed that person collector, giving him for his services] the soume of ane hundreth gudlings.

Collector of
ministers
dewes at Cam-
phair.

4. Ordained a letter to be drawn up conform to 41st act of last general convention and to be subscribed by the present moderator and clerk.

Letter to Cam-
phair, missive.

5. Continued to next particular convention the remit as to victual contained in the [28] act of last general convention.

Continuatioun
victuall.

12 July 1626.

6. The lords of privy council having continued the matter of the fairs in the north country till 27th instant, the burgh of Edinburgh was appointed to attend the diet and receive the answer of the lords.

Commissione,
Edinburgh,
fairs in the
north.

EDINBURGH.
12 July 1626.

Edinburgh,
transporta-
tione wool,
nolt, missive.

Teinds of the
fishing in the
Ils, continued.

Intimatione,
Hammiltone.

Bawtis, factor,
deprived, con-
servator,
missive.

7. Anent the matters of the transportation of wool, sheep, and nolt, and the barking of leather referred to in the [29th] act of last general convention, "the present commissioneris finding that the commissioneris appointit for heiring the greivances of this realme hes not as yit convenit," ordained the burgh of Edinburgh to summon the present burghs when the commissioners for hearing greivances are to convene.

8. Continued till next particular convention "the mater of the teinds of the fishing in the Yles."

9. Compeirit the present commissioners and maid report how that thai had mett with Maister Patrik Hammiltoun, thair agent at court, and had intimat to him the borrowis will anent his plaice conforme to ane act of this present conventioun of the dait the tent of this instant quhairwith they declairid the said Maister Patrik was content.

10. Robert Batye, factor at Campheir, having failed to appear and find caution as required by the 34th act of last general convention, was deprived of his office, and the conservator was appointed to prevent him from acting as a factor in future.

EDINBURGH.
21 August
1626.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at EDINBURGH.*

Edinburgh, Johnne Maknacht, Thomas Weir ; Perth, Andro Gray ; Dundye, Williame Auchinleck ; Abirdein, Thomas Coleinsoun ; Stirling, Johnne Cowane ; Lynlithgow, James Glen ; Sanctandroes, Johnne Arnote ; Glasgow, Maister Johnne Hutchiesoun ; Air, James Blair ; Dysart, Alexander Simpsoun ; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne ; Kirkcaldye, Johnne Williamessoun ; Muntros, Johnne Gairdin ; Anstruther Eister, Johnne Clepone ; Bruntyland, Williame Miklejohnne ; Innerkeithing, Williame Blakburne ; Kinghorne, Maister Robert Cunninghame ; Irrwing, James Blair ; Jedburgh, Alexander Kirktoun ; Pettinveyrne, James Stevinsoun ; Dumfermeling, Maister Thomas Wardlaw ; Ramfrew, Johnne Spreull ; Lainerick, James Hamiltoun ; Peibles, Johnne Dickesoun ; Craill, Allane Cuninghame ; Anstruther Wester, Alexander Meluill ; Dumbar, George Purves ; Forfar, ratificatioun productit be agent ; Rutherglen, Thomas Wilkein ; Northberuick, Johnne Mure ; Lauder, Alexander Wilkiesoun ; Kilranie, ratificatioun productit be Anstruther Eister ; Couper, Dumfries, Innernes, Brichene, Elgyn, Kirkcudbricht, Wigtoun, Dumbar-

tane, Abirbrothok, Thayne, Selkirk, Culros, Bamff, Quhithorne, Rothesay, Nairne, Forres, Culane, Annand, Lochmaben, and Sanquhare, (*blank*). EDINBURGH.
21 August
1626.

21 August 1626.

1. Johnne Maknacht, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator. Moderator.

2. Whereas it has pleased his Maiestie, vpon informatioun of the grit preparatiounes maid be the forraine enemye for invading of his Maiesties dominiounes, to recommend to the lordis of his Maiesties most honorabill privie counsell, for preventing of all the enemyes projectes and purposes, the taking of sum course and ordour that ane competent number of schips, provydit with all warlyik furnitur, may be sett out and maintained be the borrowis, and ane number of the saids borrowis being requyrit to send thair commissioners to the burgh of Edinburgh to declair what they vald doe eache ane for thair part in so vrgent a necessitie, as ane lettre direct frome thair lordships daittit the tent of this instant beires, the saids commissioners haiffing mett togither, and taking the saids propositiounes to thair serious consideratiounes, they humble frome thair hairts does thank the Almichtie God who hes putt into his Maiesties hairt that cair for this his ancient kingdome, and who hes endowed his royall breist with that providence to forsie the imminent daingers whairvnto the haill inhabitantis of this realme ar exposed both in thair bodies and guides, being for the present destitut of all meanes to cover theme frome the violent heate of the persecutioun of ane foraine enemye; as lyikwayes, as they acknawledge the dainger to be gritt and imminent, they acknawledge the best meanes both for frustratting the enemye of all his projectis and machinatiounes against this cuntrey, and for estaiblishing of sure and saif commerce (without which this cuntrey cannot subsist), is to oppose and mak head against the said enemye be sea, bott with all, considdering thair awin weaknes and inhabilitie to vndergoe such a charge alone, as also considdering that the remanent estaits ar as much interrest as thair estait, since that not onlie the benefeit of the peace at home if the enemye be resistit be sie does redound as much to the weill of the remanent estaittes as to theme, as lyikwayes that the merchand estait being securit be sie in thair negotiatioun, the

Ansuer to the
lords anent
the mantin-
ance of schips
of war.

EDINBURGH.
21 August
1626.

Ansuer to the
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the maintain-
ance of schips
of war.

whole cuntrey is not onlie disburdenit of ane gritt number of commodities which vtherwayes vald lye at home to the heavie hurt of the haill cuntrey, bot also the necessar commodities of the cuntrey ar importit ; and thairfore the saids commissioneris ar humblie to intreat the lordis of his Maiesties most honorabill privie counsall to interceid for theme with his Maiestie that some solid and substantiall course may be taikin not onlie for securing of the inhabitantis of this kingdome at home bot also for making of the seas peaceable, that tred and negotiatioun may floorische, and the saids commissioners sall euir be reddie to contribute with the rest of the 'estaittes according to thair powar as thai haif euer doone in all the commoun burdenis of this cuntrey, for advancing of that his Maiesties so worthie and honorabill intentioun, and sall euir pray to God Almichtie for continuance of his Maiesties happie government over theme to be extendit to the full lenth of all tyme ; and ordanis this thair ansuer to be delyverit to the saids lordis be the moderatour in name of the haill remanent borrowis.

22 August 1626.

Commissione
anent advyse
for shipping,
missive.

3. The commissioneris of borrowis beand convenit, forsamikle as the present commissioneris of borrowis haiving schawin thair ansuer to the missive lettre direct to theme be the lordis of his Maiesties counsell anent the mater of the schipping and defence of the cuntrey by sea against anie foraine invasioun, and the saids borrowis considdering how neir the said mater does concerne both theme in priuat and the whole cuntrey in generale, and how imminent the dainger is quhairvnto they lye exposed, thairfore they haive thocht guid and appointit the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundye, Abirdein, Stirling, Lynlithgow, Sanct Androes, Glasgow, Air, Haddingtoun, Bruntlyland, Dysart, Kinghorne, Anstruther Eister and Wester, Muntros, Pettinveyme, Dumbair and Craill to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed with thair best advyses anent the number of schips that may suffice for defence of the cuntrey, thair birth, furniture, thair monethlie chairges, number of men, and haill chairges, with thair best overtures for interteneing thairrof, to meitt and conveyin at the burgh of Edinburgh the last day of October nixtocum, with continuatioun of dayes, with powar to theme to schew the same to the lordis of his

Maiesties secreit counsall that sum substantiall ordour may be taiken for preuening the daingeris quhervnto they ar daylie exposed, to which borrowis so convening the present commissioneris gives thair full powar and commissioun to doe therin as thai sall think maist expedient for the weill both of the cuntrey and of this estait, with powar to the borrowis convenand to vnlaw the borrowis absent in ane vnlaw of tuentie pundis; and ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to requyre theme to this effect betuixt and the said day vpone such competent wairning as thai sall think neidfull, vnder the payne foresaid; and the said burgh and burghis to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

EDINBURGH.
22 August
1626.

Commissione
anent advyse
for shipping,
missive.

4. Anent that article of the missiwe direct to the present commissioneris be the burgh of Edinburgh anent certain heids contenit in the commissioun of the grievances, which being sein and considerit be the saids commissioners, they find that the penall statuttis maid anent vsurers and transporters of money ar expreslie contenit in the said commissioun, and vthers maters for depraving of the lawis and statuttis of this kingdome, so that the saids commissioners may summeirlic proceed in the saids maters against the borrowis to thair vtter vndoeing, and thairfore for preventing of the saids hurts, the saids commissioners findis guid that his Maiestie be desyrit in thair names to give warrand for dischairging of the saids commissioners of the greivances for proceeding against theme in the said mater, and to this effect ordanis ane missiwe lettre to be direct in thair names be the burgh of Edinburgh to Sir Williame Alexander, secretarie to his Maiestie, beiring such reasounes as thai sall think meittest for effectuatting thair desyre in the premissis, intreating him to deale with his Maiestie theranent, and that the borrowes will not be vnmyndfull of so guid ane office bot salbe cairfull to requyte his favour and schaw thair thankfulnes with the first occasioun; and ordanis the moderatour and clerk to subscriyve the same, quheranent thir presentis salbe thair warrand; and incaice it salhappin the burgh of Edinburgh to direct anie commissioners to England for anie vther thair effaires, they give powar and commissioun to theme to direct thair commissioner lyikwayis instructit in the saids maters to deale with his Maiestie theranent, and ordanis in that caice the said lettre that is to be directit to Sir Williame Alexander to be directit to him for furtherance and con-

Letter anent
certane penall
statuts, Edin-
burgh, missive.

EDINBURGH.
22 August
1626.

curraunce with thair commissioner, not omitting thair said promeis of remembrance, and the said burgh of Edinburgh to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Edinburgh,
ansuer to the
counsall at
war, missive.

5. Anent that heid of the missiwe direct to the borrowis be the burgh of Edinburgh, desyiring theme to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructit in the mater of the furneising of the cuntrey with airmes, and the saids borrowis haiving attendit to haue delyverit thair ansuere to the lordis of his Maiesties counsall of warre, the said lordis did not sitt, and thairfore ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh at such tyme as the saids lordis sall meitt to shew theme how that the borrowis had intendit to haue givin theme ansuere in the said mater, and thairfore to desyre ane new day to be assignit to the borrowis for ansuering of new againe in the said mater, and ordanis the said burgh be thair missiwe to requyre the borrowis that ar appointed be the last conventioun to convein in extraordinier maters to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructit to meitt and convein at this burgh the tyme that salbe assignis vnto thame, and in the meane tyme the present commissioners ordanit ilk commissioner present to recommend to thair magistrattis and counsall at thair home cuming the sieing of thair nichtbouris sufficientlie provydit with furneissit muskittis and pickies, and the said burgh to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

EDINBURGH.
31 October
1626.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Johnne Maknacht, Williame Nemock ; Perth, Andro Wilsoun ; Dundye, Thomas Dauidsoun ; Abirdein (*blank*) ; Stirling, Johnne Cowane ; Lynlithgow, Andro Bell ; Sanctandroes (*blank*) ; Glasgow, Patrik Bell ; Air, Johnne Osburne ; Bruntyland, Maister Andro Wilsoun ; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne ; Dysart, David Robertsoun ; Kinghorne, Johnne Kirkcaldie ; Anstruther Eister, David Alexander ; Anstruther Wester, David Wilsoun ; Montrois, Hercules Taclyeour ; Pittinveyne, ratificatioun producit be Anstruther Wester ; Dumbar, George Purves ; Craill, Johnne Mackiesoun ; Kirkcaldie, Johnne Williamesoun ; Dumfreis, Johnne Corsane.

31 October 1626.

EDINBURGH.
31 October
1626.

1. Johnne Maknacht, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

Moderator.

1 November 1626

2. Forsameikle as the commissioners of borrowis being requyrit for their best advyse in the mater of the defence of the cuntrey against anie forraine invasioun, and being now convenit to that effect, and haiving taikin the same to thair serious consideratioun, they find the onlie and best meanes for securing of the haille inhabitantis of this cuntrey frome the present daingers quhervnto thai lye exposed, both in thair lyiffes and guides, as lyikwayes for intertaineing of commerce and tred, without which this cuntrey cannot subsist, is to resist be sea and intertaineing of schips fitt for such service, and haiveing considerit the particulars necessar to be thocht vpon in that purpose, togither with the gritt interest the remanent estaittes hes thairin, which in effect is no les then the interest of this estait, hes thairfore thocht guid that these particulars quhairin the remanent estait hes als gritt interest as thai, be remittit to ane vther occasioun to be considerit be the particular advyse of the whole estait, yit for giving the lordis of his Maiesties most honorabill privie counsall satisfactioun for informatioun in such particulars as they may condescend vpon without farder advyse, quhervnto thai haue bein requyrit be the saids lordis, which is in speciall in condescending vpon the monethlie chairges that the intertayneing of ane certan number of souldiours be sea will require, the saids commissioners, efter dew calculatioun thair of, findis that a schip of thrie hundreth tun, with all furnitur belonging to a schip, and with tuentie aucht pece of ordinances, with such quantitie of pouder and bullett as is necessar for service, with muskettis, bandeliers, pickes, and all vther furnitur for souldiers, being provyded and sett frie, readie to goe to sie, will require ane hundreth men at leist, the hyre and provisioun of victuall of which hundreth men onlie, togither with the capitan his fie and pensioun, will extend to the soume of tua thousand and fyve hundreth pundis Scottis money monethlie, viuers being alwayes at the present rate ; and ordanis the moderatour, in name of the rest, to delyver this ansuere to the saids lordis of his Maiesties privie counsall.

Ansuer anent
the chairges of
schipping.

EDINBURGH.
3 November
1626.

3 November 1626.

St Androes
unlayed, agent,
missive.

3. The burgh of St Androes unlawed in £20 for being absent from this present convention.

EDINBURGH.
30 January
1627

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Johnne Maknacht, Williame Nemock; Perth, Andro Wilsoun; Dundye, Johnne Ramsay; Abirdein (*blank*); Stirling, Johne Cowane; Lynlithgow, Robert Ker; Sanctandros, Johnne Lepar; Glasgow, James Stewart; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne; Kirkcaldye (*blank*); Muntrose, Hercules Taelyeour; Coupar, Robert Petersone.

30 January 1627.

Moderator.

1. Johnne Maknacht, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

31 January 1627.

Letters to
Campheir and
conservator,
factors, taxes,
Edinburgh,
missive.

2. The commissioneris of borrowis beand convenit, vpone informatioun of my lord conservatour to the last generall conventioun of sum new impositiounes layed vpone the factouris of Campheir and exacted be the magistrattis of Campheir, it had pleased the saids commissioners to wryte to the magistrattis of the said toun desyring redres thairof, and now the present commissioners hawing ressaut ane ansuere of the said lettre both frome the said toun, also frome his excellence, thairfore the saids commissioners ordanis ane letter to be drawin vp in thair names to be direct be the magistrattis of the said toun declairing the ressait of the saids letters, and that becaus it was a purpose that did concerne the generall, and that thai were ane few number presentlie convenit, thairfore they had thocht guid to continew the said mater to the said conventioun at which tyme they vald tak forder informatioun thairin and sould satle that questioun and sall indevore to intertaine that which be contract betuixt theme they ar bund to doe, and in all vther thinges quhairin thai may be steidable they sall studye to approve theme selffis as thair most affec-

tionat freinds, wissing the continuance of thair affectioun and favour ; and ordanis thair generall clerk to draw vp the said lettre and subscriye the same in thair names, quhairanent thir presentis salbe his warrand, and the burgh of Edinburgh to caus send over the said letter ; as also ordanis ane vther letter to be direct to my lord conservatour heiranent, desyring him to informe him selff of the saids impostes craived of the factouris thair be the said toun of Campheir, and to informe the commissioners of borrowis to be convenit in thair nixt generall conventioun, and ane double of the saids letters to be sent over to his lordship that all occasioun of questioun betuixt his lordship and theme may be taiken away ; as also finds meitt that the said conservatour sall proceed against such of the factouris as refusis to obey the iniunctiounes sett down vnto thame conforme to the warrands givin him the last conventioun ; and ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to report thair diligence anent the premissis to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

EDINBURGH.
31 January
1627.

Letters to
Campheir and
conservator,
factours, taxes,
Edinburgh,
missive.

3. Forsameikle as the commissioners of borrowes, vnderstanding that Maister George Sydserrf, present minister at Campheir, being by seiknes forced to reiteir frome his chairge hither whairby the said place is disappointed, and considering that the aire of that cuntrey does not agree with his complexioun, so that the said Maister George can not without haisert of his lyiff remaine in that plaice, thairfore the saids commissioners appointes the burghis of Edinburgh, Lynlithgow, and Haddingtoun to deale with the said Maister George for provyding of thair said plaice and transacting with him theranent, and to inquire for sum sufficient and qualifiet persoun for serving of the said cure, and sua soone as the saids borrowis sall haif fund out such a persoun and agreit with the said Maister George, ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to caus warne the burghis of Perth, Dundye, Abirdein, Stirling, Lynlithgow, Sanct Androes, Glasgow, Air, Muntros, Couper, Kirkcaldye, Dysart and Bruntlyland for directing of thair commissioners to meitt and conveyn at this burgh, with full powar and commissioun for planting of the said kirk and electing and presenting ane qualifiet persoun for supplieing of the said cure, and the present commissioners obleissis theme in name of thair borrowis to concur with the commissioners of borrowis at thair nixt generall conventioun for ratifieing of this present act and commissioun and the saids borrowis proceedings in the said mater, and ordanis the saids burghs of Lynlith-

Commissione
anent the
minister of
Campheir,
missive.

EDINBURGH.
31 January
1627.

Commissione
anent the
minister of
Campheir,
missive.

Lennox,
compts, mis-
sive.

Bawtie, factor.

Edinburgh,
commissione,
signator dis-
chairing hesp
and staipell.

Supplicatione,
relict of Mr
Alexander
Macduff,
missive.

Commissione,
furnishing of
the cuntry
with armour,
missive.

gow and Haddingtoun to direct their commissioners to the said burgh vpon such tymes as they salbe required be the said burgh of Edinburgh, and the said burgh of Edinburgh to report their diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

4. Having examined the accounts of "James Lennox, late conservator clerk at Campheir, and collector of the impost grantit for defraying of the minister's stipend thair," the commissioners found his intromission from 1st May to 1st August last, to extend to £41, 6s 6d gritt Flemish money, and the discharge to extend to £101, 8s 2d gritt, including therein £50, 8s 2d gritt, the balance of last account, leaving due to the collector £60, 1s gritt. For payment of this sum, and of £200 promised him at last general convention, the burghs were ordained to send their shares to the next convention at Air.

5. On the supplication of Robert Batie, who had been deprived of his office at the particular convention held in July 1626, the commissioners consented to his re-admission as a factor at Campheir on the usual conditions.

6. Anent that heid of the missiwe concerning the signature desyrit to be exped for dischairing of passing of infetmentes within burgh be hesp and staiple, conforme to the ald ordour obseruit in entering of burges aires, the saids commissioneris findis the samyn to be verie preiudiciall to thair estait, and thairfore giues full powar and commissioun to the burgh of Edinburgh in thair names to oppose against the said signature and to vse all lafull meynis for staying thair of, and giff neid beis to petitioun the lordis of his Majesties counsall in thair names theranent.

7. Ordained that each burgh send their commissioners to next general convention instructed to give ansuer to the "supplicatioun givin in be be the relict of vmquhill Alexander Macduff, late minister at Campheir."

8. Anent the furneissing of the cuntrey with airmes, desyrit be the lordis of his Maiesties counsall of war to haif bein doone be the borrowis, and the saids lordis haiffing continewit the said mater to the second day of Merche nixt, the saids commissioners of borrowis gives thair full powar and commissioun to the burghs of Edinburgh, Stirling, Lynlithgow, Haddingtoun and Sanct Androis to give ansuer in the said mater, and ordanis the saids borrowis to send their commissioners, vpon adver-

tisement of the burgh of Edinburgh, to meitt and convey at the said burgh ane competent spaice before the said day as thai salbe requyrit.

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31 January
1627.

9. Unlawed the burghs of Abirdein and Kirkcaldie in £20 each for being absent from the present convention.

Abirdein, Kirkcaldie, agent.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
1 May 1627.

Edinburgh, Johnne Maknacht, Williame Nemock; Perth, Andro Gray; Dundye, ratificatioun productit be the agent; Abirdein, (*blank*); Stirling, Johnne Cowane; Lynlithgow, Andro Bell; Sanctandros, Symeon Gregour; Glasgow, Gabriell Cuninghame; Air, Johnne Cuninghame; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne; Bruntyland, Williame Miklejohnne; Kinghorne, Johnne Kirkcaldie; Kirkcaldie, Johnne Williamesoun; Anstruther Eister, David Alexander; Anstruther Wester, Robert Richartsoun; Craill, Patrik Hunter; Coupar, David Andersoun; Culros, (*blank*).

1 May 1627.

1. Johnne Maknacht, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator. Moderator.

3 May 1627.

2. The commissioners of borrowis beand convenit, and recensing the daylie hurt sustenit be the inhabitants of borrowis throw occasioun of the Dunkirkers daylie robbing and spoyling of thair schipes guides and seafairing men, to the vtter ruine of all tred and impoverisching of thair estait, as lyikwayes being informit that the penall statuttis ar licklie to be putt to executioun notwithstanding of the lettres obteynit frome his Maiestie in thair favour, and last, finding that the mater of thair tythes, both of thair commoun landis quhairof *ipsa corpora* ar led be the titulars in ane grit number of the burghis, as also of the tythes and kirklandis mortified and givin to theme be his Maiestie of worthie renoun, and his vmquhill dearest mother, for sustentatioun of thair ministrie, hospitallis, and commoun scoolles and colledges, ar licklie to be brocht in questioun, not onlie to the preiudice of thair communitie and commoun guid bot of diuers of thair inhabitants, which particulars thai haiving taikin to thair

Commissione,
Guthrie,
Cowan.

EDINBURGH.
3 May 1627.

Commissioners,
Guthrie,
Cowane.

serious consideratioun, haif, for remeid thair of, thocht meit and expedient that sum tua of thair number salbe elected commissioners for theme and in name of the hail borrowis to pas to his Maiestie for laying oppin ther saids greives humblie to sute for his Maiesties help and gracious favour theranent, and to this effect thai haif nominatt, creatt, and constitut, lyik as thai be thir presentis nominattes, creates, and constituttis for the burgh of Edinburgh, Maister Alexander Guthrie, and for the burgh of Stirling, Johnne Cowan, merchand, thair laifull vndoubted and irreuocable commissioners for theme and in name of the hail borrowis to pas to his Maiestie with all diligence for laying oppin to his Maiestie the greives foresaid and all vther concerning the borrowis, conforme to the instructiounes and iniunctiounes to be givin to theme and humblie to beg his Maiesties favour, assistance, and protectioun in the premisses.

Commissioners
chairges.

3. For payment of the expenses and charges of the commissioners appointed by the preceding act, James Rae, merchant in Edinburgh, agreed to advance 2,000 merks and such other sum as might be necessary.

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GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at AIRE.*

Edinburgh, Johnne Maknacht, Williame Nemock ; Perth, Andro Wilsoun ; Dundye, Johnne Ramsay ; Abirdein, Thomas Collinsoun ; Stirling, Johnne Cowane ; Lynlithgow, Andro Bell ; Sanctandroes, Symeon Gregour ; Glasgow, Patrik Bell ; Air, Johnne Osburne ; Dysart, maister Daud Kinghurne ; Haddingtoun, Patrik Broun ; Kirkcaldie, Hendrie Myller ; Montrose, James Scott ; Couper, Robert Petersoun ; Anstruther Eister, Thomas Mertein ; Dumfreis, Johnne Irwing ; Bruntland, Robert Miklejohnne ; Kinghorne, Maister Robert Cuninghame ; Irwing, Allane Dunlop ; Jedburgh, Alexander Kirketoun ; Kirkcudbright, Johnne Ewart ; Wigtoun, Patrik Edzeare ; Dumbartane, Johnne Sempill ; Ramfrew, Williame Sommervell ; Lanerick, James Gray ; Peibles, Thomas Tuedye ; Craill, Patrik Hunter ; Culros, Maister Eduard Blaw ; Dumbar, George Purves ; Quhythorne, Harbert Quhytheid ; Forfar, Johnne Mylne ; Rothesay, Mathow Spens ; Lauder, Alexander Wilkesoun ; Sanquhare, Johnne Creichtoun ; Innerkeithing, Elgyne, Dumfermeling and Annand, be exemptioun and ratificatioun productit be

agent ; Rutherglen, [the same] producit be Glasgow ; Northberuick, [the same] producit be Haddingtoun ; Brichane, be exemptione producit be Montrose ; Thaine, be ratificatioun producit be Anstruther Eister ; Kilrane, be ratificatioun producit be Anstruther Eister ; Innernes, Pettinveyne, Anstruther Wester, Selkirk, Abirbrothok, Bamff, Nairne, Forres, Culane and Lochmaben (*blank*). AYR
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The commissioner of Air verified the citation of the burghs. 2. Johnne Osburne, first in commission for Air, elected moderator. 3. Hours of meeting and regulations as to attendance, speaking and voting, same as last general convention. 4. Act passed in terms similar to the fourth act of last general convention. 5. Act passed in terms similar to the 10th act of last general convention. 6. [The commissioners renewed the 20th act of last general convention.] And farder, for the farder tichtnes and sufficiencie of the barrellis, becaus of late thair is croppen in throw greid of the coupers, makers of the saids barrells, that they vse to ryve ane grit number of the steps brocht frome Yreland, quhairof the saids barrellis are maid for the maist pairt in the west cuntrey, and ar brocht to that insufficiencie that ather thai doe not hald the pickle altogidder be ressoun of the thynnes of the saids stepes, quhairby the herring packit thairin becummes altogidder insufficient wair, to the great preiudice of the merchand and vtter spoyling of the herring thairin packit, or vtherwayes the barrellis ar brocht to that thynnes that thai ar not able to indure no stres in the handling ; for avoyding of which inconveniences the saids commissioners of borrowis straitlie inhibittes and dischairges the haill coupers that nane of theme tak vp in hand to ryve anie of the saids steps that cummes or ar brocht from Yreland vnder the payne of confiscatioun of the barrellis quhairin anie of the saids steps so reaving salbe fund ; and ordanis the commissioners at thair homecuming to intimat this present ordinance to thair coupers within thair burgh that nane pretend ignorance thairof, and ilk burgh to sie the same put to executioun quhome the same does concern, and to report thair diligence heiranent in intimatting and executing thair-of to the next generall conventioun of borrowis. | <table border="0"> <tr><td>Citatioun.</td></tr> <tr><td>Moderator.</td></tr> <tr><td>Hours of meitting.</td></tr> <tr><td>Outland bur-
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Commonlands,
missiue.
Pittinveyne.
Culane, com-
moun lands.

7. Ordained each burgh to observe the 24th act of the last general convention.

8. Ordained the burgh of Pettinveyne to produce diligence in depriving one of their burgesses of their liberties or to cause him make residence in the burgh.

9. Anent the xj act of the last generall conventioun . . . compeired Thomas Colinstoun, commissioner for the burgh of Abirdein, and maid report of his proceedings with the inhabitants of the burgh of Culane, and declairit thair inhabilitè and pouertie, which the saids borrowis considering, and finding no fitt occasioun for the present for thair help, hes thairfore thocht guid to continew ane furder proces aganis theme till thai be more sufficientlie informit of thair estait and trew meanes for helping of theme ; and ordanis the same to be rememberit the first occasioun sall offer.

Haddingtoun,
Mortoun.

10. For obedience of the 14th act of last general convention, the commissioner of Haddingtoun produced "ane act of deprivation of Johnne Mortoun of his burgesschip and friedome within thair said burgh."

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Guthrie,
Cowane,
report.

11. Compeirt Maister Alexander Guthrie, commoun clerk of Edinburgh, and Johnne Cowane, merchand, commissioners [appointed by the 2d act of last particular convention, and] maid report of thair baill proceedings with his Majestie theranent, and produced ane missiwe letter direct to the present commissioners, with ane letter to the lordis of his Maiesties privie counsall, with ane vther to the lords commissioners, and the saids commissioners being advysit with thair saids commissioners report and proceedings, they ratifie and approve the same and ordanis the burghis of Edinburgh, Dundye, Abirdein, Lynlithgow, Sanct Androes and Glasgow to delyver the saids tua lettres, ane thair of to the saids lordis of his Maiesties privie counsall, and the other to the saids lordis commissioneris ; and ordanis the saids burghis to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Burghs of
baronie, Edin-
burgh and cer-
tane uther bor-
rones, missiue.

12. Anent that heid of the missiwe concerning the burghs of barronie and regaltie, and finding that the saids burghis of frie royaltie does daylie decrees and yit vnderlyes the haill commoun burdenis of the realme with the rest of the estaittes, and the burghs of barronie and regaltie ar

subject to no burdein, and to the effect that the saids questiounes depending betuixt theme may be sume tyme brocht to ane end, and for sum furtherance thairof, it is thocht meit and expedient that for the better knowledge of the difference of thair liberties, that such burghis as hes obtenit decreittes against anie of the saids burghis of barronie or regalitie or thair inhabitants, sall produce theme to thair clerk betuixt and the 24 day of August nixt, together with ane copey of thair principall chartour that conteynis anie particular libertie, and ordanis the said clerk to collect the seuerall differences thairof, as lyikwayes to caus searche out the old registers for tryeing of the saids differences, and quhat expenssis salbe requisite for tryeing of the saids registers ordanis the agent to deburse the same and the same salbe allowit to him in his comptes ; and farder in caice it salhappin his Maiestie to cum in to this cuntrey betuixt and the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, or if it salhappin the borrowis to haif adoe to send to court to his Maiestie, ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to require the burghis that salbe writtin to desyre theme to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed in that mater that thair may be sum satlit course taiken for decyding of these questiounes betuixt the saids frie royall borrowis and the burghis of barronie be the advyse of the best lawers ; and becaus that the burghis of Perth, Abirdein, Air, Haddingtoun, Irwing, Wigtoun, Dumbartan, Ramfrew, Lanerick, Forfar and Craill hes obtenit certan decreittes against sum burghis of barronie and certan vnfrie tredders, as lyikwayes thair chartouris does contain certan grit priueledges, thairfore ordanis the saids burghis betuixt and the said day to send to thair said clerk the saids decreits with the copey of thair chartour.

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Burghs of
baronie, Edin-
burgh and cer-
tane uther bur-
roues, missive.

13. Ordained the burgh of Wigtoun to produce to next general convention the form of election of their magistrates, and to conform to the acts.

Wigtoun, elec-
tione, magis-
trats, missive.

14. Ordained the burgh of Innernes to cause certain unfree traders to desist from using the liberties of burghs.

Innernes, un-
fre tredders,
missive.

15. Ordained the burgh of Innernes to roup their common good and common lands, put the same to the highest avail, and produce a rental to next general convention.

Innernes, com-
moun lands,
missive.

16. Understanding by a letter from the conservator that the factors had refused to observe the 26th act of last general convention, the commissioners ordained the factors "to give obedience to the said act in that pairt anent their wyiffes" before 1st October next, under pain of deprivation ; "and anent that

Conservator,
factors wyffes.

AYR.¹
4 July 1627.

Conservator,
factors wyfes.

Certane bur-
roues, victuall,
teinds of the
Iles, missive.

vther pairt of the letter concerning the marking of thair bookes, the commis-
sioners findis meitt that the conservator sall superceid frome executing thair of
till they salbe farther advysit.”}

17. Anent the 28 act of the last generall conventioun of burrowis
. . . comperit the commissioner of the burgh of Edinburgh and declairit
that the saids borrowis being mett together they fand it not expedient to
waken the said mater at that tyme and thairfore continewit the same to
this present conventioun; quhairfore the present commissioners ordanis
the burghis that salbe appointed to meit at Edinburgh efter the disolving
of this present conventioun to trye giff the agriement betuixt the lordis
and the borrowis be as yit inacted in the buikes of counsall, and giff the
same salbe inacted to extract the same, and giff they sall find it not
agrieabill to ther said agriement ordanis the saids burghis to tak sum
course for remeid thair of, quhairanent the present commissioners giues
thair full powar and commissioun; as lyikwayes ordanis theme to agrie
with Bryse Semple and Johnne Schaw in the mater of the teinds of the
hering in the Iles and satle the said mater; and the saids commissioners
to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of
borrowis.

Edinburgh,
diligence,
barkers, mis-
sive.

18. Anent the 29th act of last general convention, the commissioners of Edin-
burgh having “declairit that the commissioun of greivances had not as yit taken
effect,” the commissioners ordained the same course to be taken in regard to the
new form of tanning as is ordained to be taken in the matter of the burghs of
barony.

Edinburgh,
Campheir,
diligence, mis-
sive.

19. Anent the 41 act of the last generall conventioun of borrowis
. . . comperit the commissioners of Edinburgh and declairit that the
saids borrowis had according to the directioun givin to theme writtin to
the Magistrattis of the said toun of Campheir, as lyikwayes since the
wrytting thair of the said burgh of Edinburgh had ressaut ane ansuer of
the said lettre frome the said magistrattis of the toun of Campheir,
together with ane vther lettre direct from his excellence for the same
purpose, which lettres thai presentit to the commissioners that mett at
Edinburgh the (2) of Januar last; and the present commissioners being
acquaint and informit that in no pairt quhair thair staiple hes bein of
before the lyik impositiounes haith bene exacted of thair factours, nather

of reasone aucht thair factouris houssis which they haif acquyrit onlie for thair particular duelling and service of the natioun, and that the saids magistrattis of the said toun of Campheir ar be the contract past betuixt the borrowis and theme bund and obleist to suffer and caus the natioun and thair factouris enjoy als grit priueleges and immunities as thai haif enioyit in anie plaice of before, thairfore ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to revisite thair ansuer and to insist with theme farder for frieing of the saids factouris frome the said impost or taxtes, and to this effect to caus draw vp ane lettre in thair names showing how far they think the same dissonant frome all reason, and how they did not expect the same at thair handis, desyring theme to continew in thair former affection as they for thair pairt will studye to give theme no occasioun of breck of that ancient amitie; as lyikwayes, the saids commissioners being informit that the consergerie hous which the toun of Campheir aucht to furneis to the natioun is vnsufficient, and that the seller thairof is altogidder vnfit for the ressett of anie driuk, and that therthrow the tredders thair ar grittumlie preuidgit of thair helth, thairfore ordanis the said burgh of Edinburgh lyikwayes to remember the same in the said letter, and to require theme for remeid heirof; as lyikwayes ordanis ane vther lettre to be direct in thair names to my lord conservatour and to show him how far thai haif proceidit in the saids maters, and ordanis thair clerk to subscribe the same, quheranent thir presentis salbe his warrand; and the said burgh of Edinburgh to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

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4 July 1627.
Edinburgh,
Campheir,
diligence, mis-
sive.

20. Thomas Cowie, merchand, burgess of Abirdein, taking the burden on him for Patrik Stewart, his partner, who was cited to appear for transporting of staple wares past the staple port, confessed the same and was unlawed in £40 and ordained "to pay the double of such dewes as he sould haif payed thair both to the minister, conservator, and George Suittie for his impost presentlie."

Cowie, clerk,
agent, dil-
gence, missive.

21. Anent the 35 act of the last generall conventioun of borrowis haldin at the burgh of Dumbar the saxt day of Julij last, vnderstanding that the natioun and hail merchandis trafficquing to the Low Cuntreyis ar grittumlie dampnifiet, hurt, and preuidgit be Jacob Keyne, Mertein Dekingrig, Baltan Meas and Mans Goverstoun, residents at the toun of Campheir, be taiken vpone theme to be factours and buyers for the

Dischaarge to
sell to certane
inhabitants in
Campheir,
conservator,
diligence, mis-
sive.

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4 July 1627.

Discharge to
sell to certane
inhabitants in
Campheir,
conservator,
diligence, mis-
sive.

merchandis in Flanders and Holland, and vthers that wer accustomat to cum doun in grit number and buye fra the saids factouris thair skins and waires, and caussis theme to abyid at home, quhairby the natioun is constraynit to sell thair waires at lower pryces nor they wer accustomit to doe quhen the saids buyars cam doun theme selffis in cumpanies, to the grit lose and disadvantage of oure natioun; for remeid heirof, the saids commissioners of borrowis statuttis and ordanis, and be thir presents inhibittes and dischairges that na Scottes merchandis nor thair factouris sell anie staiple waires cummand frome Scotland to the saids Jacob Keyne, Mertein Dekinrig, Baltan Meas and Mans Goverstoun, or to anie vther in thair name to thair behoove, directlie nor indirectlie, vnder the payne of ten pund Fleyms to be vptaikin be the conservatour in caice thair failye, the ane half to the borrowis and the vther to himselff, and he to be comptable to the borrowis for thair half; and ordanis the said conservatour to mak laifull intimatioun heirof to the merchandis at the ressait of thair coquett; and Thomas Collinsoun, commissioner for the burgh of Abirdein, dissassentit heirfra; and the said conservatour to report his diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Elinburgh,
conservator,
collector, dili-
gence, missive.

22 The collector of the impost granted for defraying of the minister's stipend, etc., at Campheir, not having sent in his accounts, the conservator was ordained to cause him to send the same to be considered at next general convention.

5 July 1627.

Guthrie, com-
missione,
Kings majes-
tie, missive.

23. The commissioners of borrowis beand convenit, forsameikle as the said commissioners of borrowis being informit be thair nichtbouris that ar appointed be his Maiestie as commissioners for thair estait vpon the commissioun of his Maiesties revocation, that the said commissioun is not onlie extendit to all the superiorities, few dewtyes, and teinds of the benefices and rentes bestowit be his Maiesties predicessouris vpon the frie borrowis of this realme, albeit particularie excepted furth of his Maiesties revocation, bot also in the valuatioun of the teinds it is intendit that no ease salbe grantit to anie whose teinds is led, and in sum other particulars. As lyikwayes, the saids commissioners findis it meit that the mater of the burghis of barronie salbe remmemberit, and that his

Maiestie salbe desyrit for thair help and hindering of the forder growth of the saids burghis of barronie and regalities for willing of the lordis of session for decyding of the suspensiounes raisit at the instances of the burghis of barronie or thair inhabitants against the frie royall borrowis or anie vther vnfrie persounes, conforme to the actes of parliament maid in the borrowis favouris and vther decreittes obtenit be theme against anie vnfrie persounes. And lyikwayes findis meitt that his Maiestie be mooved in the mater of the new forme of barking introduced be my lord Erskein and impositioun layed vpone the lether als weill wrocht within the cuntrey as brocht home frome forraigne pairts. And thairfore the present commissioners of borrowis hes thocht guid to elect ane commissioner for theme for acquainting his Maiestie with thair desyres anent the premissis and obteneing the frie borrowis fred frome the compas of the said revocatioun, and to this effect hes nominat, elected, creat, and ordanit maister Alexander Guthrie, commoun clerk of Edinburgh, commissioner for theme, and be thir presentis electes, creattis, and constituttis the said maister Alexander thair commissioner, geiving, granting, and committing, lyik as they be thir presents gevis, grantis, and committis to him thair full powar and commissioun to pas to his Maiestie and acquaint his Maiestie with thair desyres anent the premissis, and in thair names humblie to beg his sacred favour and protectioun, and generallie all and sindrie vther thinges to doe in the premissis as they micht doe theme selffis, ratifeing and approoving quhatsumeir he sall doe in the premissis for the weill of the saids burrowis. And ordanis ane letter missiwe to be drawin vp to his Maiestie anent the revocatioun, and ane vther anent the mater of the burghis of barronie and mater of the lether, and ordanis the moderatour in name of the rest to subscryve the said maister Alexander his commissioun, and ordanis the said maister Alexander to report his diligence heiranent to the nixt particular or generall conventioun that salhappin to occur efter his retorne and anent all vther thinges that salbe thocht fit to be given him in commissioun be the saids commissioners of borrowis that salbe appointit to meitt at Edinburgh efter the dissolving of this present conventioun.

24. Forsameikle as the commissioners of borrowis hes nominat maister Alexander Guthrie, commoun clerk of Edinburgh, commissioner for theme to pas to his Maiestie, conforme to the commissioun givin to

AVR.
5 July 1627.
Guthrie, com-
missione,
Kings majes-
tie, missive.

Commissione,
certane bur-
roues, Guthrie,
missive.

AYR,
5 July 1627.

Commissione,
certane bur-
roues, Guthrie,
missive.

him be ane act of this present conventioun, thairfore ordanis the burghis of Edinburgh, Dundye, Abirdein, Stirling, Lynlithgow, Glasgow, Dumbartane, Haddingtoun, Coupar, Dumfreis, Bruntyland, Dysart, and Kirkroues, caldie to meitt and conveyin at the burgh of Edinburgh the tent of this instant with continuatioun of dayes to sett doun to the said maister Alexander his instructiounes and iniunctiounes anent these things contenit in his said commissioun, and anent all vther thinges quhilk they sall find may tend to the weill of the borrowis, as lyikwayes for taking the advyse of the best lawers in the mater of the burghis of barronie, and all vther thinges concerning the borrowis as thai sall think maist meitt and expedient, to which burghis sua convenand the present commissioners gives thair full powar and commissioun.

Commissione,
certane bur-
roues, Sydserfe,
missive.

25. Anent the thrid act of the particular conventioun [held at Edinburgh on 31st January last,] compeirit the commissioners of the burghis of Edinburgh and maid report that thair had nothing proceedit in the said purpose inrespect the present titular had not dimittit, and the saids commissioners resensing what prejudice may redound to the tredders in Flanders for laik of ane minister thair, thairfore they give full powar and commissioun to the burghis that ar appointit to meit at Edinburgh the tent of this instant with continuatioun of dayes to conveyne before theme the present titular, to accept of his dimissioun, to agrie with him for his bygainne service since his departure frome the yland, and to searche out ane vther qualifiet persone to present him to the said plaice and to agrie with him, and generallie all and sindrie vther thinges to doe in the premissis which they nicht doe theme selffis.

Unlayes
remittit.
Jedburgh v.
Lauder,

26. Remitted to the burghs of Abirdeyne, Sanctandroes, and Kirkcaldie the unlaws incurred by them for being absent from certain particular conventions.

Relict of Mak-
duff.

27. Referred to the particular convention appointed to meet on 10th inst., the complaint of Jedburgh against Lauder, mentioned in the 43d act of last general convention.

Remissione,
Cowie.

28. Continued till next general convention the supplication of the relict of umquhile Alexander Macduff, late minister at Campheir.

29. On the supplication of Thomas Cowie, the commissioners remitted to him the unlaw mentioned in the 20th act of this convention.

Glasgow,
contra Dum-
bartane.

30. Continued till next general convention "the complaint of the flescheouris of the burgh of Glasgow contrare the burgh of Dumbartane for exacting of theme

of viij d. of custome of ilk kow, ox, meir, or staige, cuming in throw thair burgh or liberties." AYR.
5 July 1627.

31. Granted licence to the burgh of Dumfreis to impetrate the gift of the following impost for seven years "for vphalding and repairing of thair bridge laitlie buildit be theme," viz., of ilk pak 2s., ilk horse 1s. 4d., ilk kow 1s. 4d., ilk sheep 2d., ilk lamb 1d., ilk pak skins 2s., ilk daker hydys 12d., ilk bark 13s. 4d., ilk boat loadnit 3s. 4d. Dumfreis, im-
post.

32. Granted licence to the burghs of Sanquhar, Ramfrew, Lauder, Qulit-horne, and Rothesay, to abide from general conventions for the space of three years on the usual conditions. Exemptioun,
Sanquhair, etc.

6 July 1627.

33. Granted licence to the burgh of Culane to abide from all general conventions for five years. Exemptione
Culane.

34. The commissioners gave full power to those of their number appointed to meet at Edinburgh on 10th inst., to consider "the supplicatioun given in be the burgh of Innernes for the oppressioun doone to thair inhabitants be the Erle of Murray." Commissione,
certane bur-
roues, missive.

35. Ordained the burghs appointed to meet at Edinburgh on 10th inst. to give Alexander Guthrie, commissioner appointed by the 23d act of this convention, his instructions, and to borrow money for his expenses. Commissione,
Guthrie,
chairges,
missive.

36. Anent the 36th act of last general convention, George Suttie produced his accounts of collection from 1st July 1626 to 1st May last, extending to £182, 6s. 8d. gritt Fleymis money, with £37, 5s. 9d. gritt, received from persons addebted for the previous year, leaving due to him £791, 6s. 11d. gritt. Sutie compts,
missive.

37. The commissioners bound themselves to pay to Johnne Rae, merchant in Edinburgh, and ordained the burghs to send to next general convention their part of 3300 merks, being 2000 merks advanced by him for the expenses of the commissioners appointed on 3d May last, extra expenses 817 merks, interest 80 merks, another year's interest of the whole, 233 merks, and fee to John Yair, the commissioners' servant, 170 merks. Commissioner
chairges, Rae
missive.

39. For payment of the agent's disbursements, amounting to £235, 7s. 6d., and James Rae's disbursements, amounting to £155, 12s. 8d., and interest on both sums, each burgh was ordained to send their shares to next general convention. Agent, compts,
missive.

40. The commissioner of Dysart, on behalf of that burgh, having engaged to pay Sir George Hamilton's part of the impost due to George Suttie, the present commissioners instructed the conservator to arrest any goods belonging to Sir George till he repay Dysart whatever sums that burgh disburses. Dysart, Ham-
iltone, con-
servator.

41. The commissioners dispensed with the unlaws incurred by Culane and Innernes for being absent from this convention, and unlawed Forres and Lochmaben in £20 each for being absent. Remissione,
unlaw, missive.

AIR.

6 July 1627.

Clark of Air.
Clerk, statuts.Dischaarge
agent.Dischaarge
Lennox.Nixt conven-
tione, Perth.

42. Ordained the clerk of Air to be paid £20 for directing the missives this year.

43. Alexander Guthrie produced "the statutts quhilk wes ordanit be ane article of the missive to be extractit," and he was ordered to present the same to next general convention.

44. Robert Wynrahame, agent, granted the receipt of all sums due to him by the missive.

45. James Lennox granted the receipt of 800 merks due to him, being the balance on his last accounts.

46. Dissolved the present general convention, and appointed the next to be held in Perth in July 1628.

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10 July 1627.PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Johnne Maknacht, Williame Nemock; Perth, Andro Gray; Dundye, Johnne Ramsay; Abirdeyne, Thomas Collinstoun; Stirling, Johnne Cowane; Lynlithgow, Andro Bell; Glasgow, Patrik Bell; Dumbartane, Johnne Sempill; Haddingtoun, Patrik Broun; Coupar, Robert Pifersoun; Dumfreis, Johnne Irrwing; Bruntlyland, Robert Meiklejohnne; Dysart (*blank*); Kirkcaldie, Hendrie Myller; Forfar, Johnne Mylne; Jedburgh, Alexander Kirktoun; Lauder, Alexander Wilkiesoun.

10 July 1627.

Moderator.

1. Johnne Maknacht, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

Demissione,
Sydserv.

2. Compeirit maister George Syidserff, minister at the kirk of Campheir, and declaired that inrespect of the dispositioun of the aire in these pairts, so far contrare to the constitutioun of his bodye that he could not agrie therwith, quherby he was vnabill to serve in that cure, and thairfore dimitted the said plaice in the moderatouris handis for himself and in name of the hail remanent borrowis commissioners presentlie convenit, for themeselfis and in name lyikwayes of the hail remanent commissioners of this realme, and haiving commissioun frome theme for accepting of his said dimissioun and planting of the kirk thair, conforme to the 25 act of the said last generall conventioun haldin at the burgh of

Air the fyft of Julij instant, to the effect the saids borrowis nicht plant ane vther qualifiet persoun in the said plaice for serving of the cure of the said kirk.

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Demissione,
Sydserv.

3. Compeirit maister George Syidserff, late minister at Campheir, and desyrit ane consideratioun for his bygaine service at the said kirk in respect of the daingerous seiknes of his bodie incurrit be him, the saids commissioners efter deliberatioun finding that the collectour of the impost apointed for defraying of the minister and reiders stipends thair had not as yit presentit his comptes so that thai could not know quhat soumes of money wer vpliftit, thairfore they continew thair farder ansuere till the saids collectours comptes be hard, at which tyme they will remember him and aduerteis him thairof, and ordanis thair clerk to remember the same.

Supplicatione,
Sydserv.

11 July 1627.

4. [Referring to the 23d and 24th acts of last general convention, the commissioners ordained Alexander Guthrie, their general clerk,] to pas to his Maiestie with all diligence and to acquaint his Maiestie with thair desyres according to the iniunctiounes and instructiounes givin him presentlie, with powar to him to vse all lafull meanes and arguments for obtening of thair saids demands and to oppose against all such thinges as he sall heir or find may tend to the preiudice of thair desyres or hurt of the borrowis in quhatsumeir hes bein dotted or mortified to theme to whatsumeir vses, and ordanis ane lettre to be direct to his Maiestie theranent, and ordanis the said maister Alexander Guthrie to report his diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

King, Guthrie,
missive.

5. James Rae, merchant in Edinburgh, agreed to advance £200 sterling, and such other sum as may be necessary, for the charges of Alexander Guthrie, commissioner appointed to pass to his Majesty, which money the commissioners bound the burgh to repay with "the yeirlye proffeit thairof according to ten for ilk hundreth."

Commissioners
chairges, Rae.

6. Continued till next particular convention the matter of the planting of a kirk at Campheir and choosing of a minister.

Continuatioun,
kirk at
Campheir.

12 July 1627.

7. Anent the complent of the burgh of Jedburgh contrare the burgh of Lauder for exacting certan customes of thair nichtbouris quherof they

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Jedburgh
contra Lauder.

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Jedburgh
contra Lauder.

wer not in vse of payment of before, and referrit be the commissioners of borrowis convenit at the burgh of Air the first day of this instant to the present commissioners, compeirit the commissioners of both the saids burghis and for themeselffis and in name of thair saids burghis submitted the said questioun to the decisioun of the saids borrowis, and band and obleist thame and thair saids borrowis to abyid therat but againe calling. Lyikas, the said commissioners haiving sein and considderit the euident produced be the commissioner of the said burgh of Lauder, and haiving taiken tryell be the witnessis lyikwayes producit be him for preiving of thair possessioun of the saids customes and quantitie therof, and the richts and reassounes of both the saids pairties being sein, hard, and considderit, they find the said burgh of Lauder to haive vndoubted richt for vptaking of the customes of four pennyes of ilk kow, ox, or schiep or paks cuming within thair bounds and sauld within the samin, and tua pennyes of all guides passing through thair liberties to anie mercatt; and thairfore the saids commissioners absolues the said burgh of Lauder frome the said pursuit, and dischaarges theme of exacting anie farder or hier customes frome the inhabitants of the said burgh of Jedburgh nor is abonewrittin, and heirvone both the saids pairties askit actes and instrumentis.

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PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Johnne Maknacht, Thomas Weir; Perth, Andro Broun; Dundye, Thomas Halyburnetoun; Abirdein, Thomas Nicolsoun; Stirling, Johnne Cowane; Lynlithgow, Andro Bell; Sanctandroes, Robert Taelyeour; Glasgow, Gabriell Cuninghame; Air, (*blank*); Dysart, Andro Reine; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne; Kirkcaldie, Johnne Williamesoun; Bruntlyland, Williame Miklejohnne.

20 November 1627.

Moderator.
Guthrie,
report.

1. Johnne Maknacht, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.
2. Alexander Guthrie reported his diligence with regard to the 23d act of last general convention and the 4th act of last particular convention "which the saids borrowis acceptes for his diligence and ordanis the saids letteres to be presentit according as the samin ar directit with the first occasioun."

21 November 1627.

3. Referring to the 5th act of last particular convention, wherein the burghs agreed to borrow from James Rae £200 for the expenses of Alexander Guthrie, "and the said maister Alexander haiffing maid compt of the said soume with his super-expenssis, extending to the soume of tuelf hundreth merkis borrowit be him frome Thomas Chairteres in Edinburgh," the commissioners ordained the burghs to send to next general convention their shares of these sums with interest.

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1627.

Commissioners
chairges,
missive, Rae,
Chartres.

22 November 1627.

4. The commissioner of Edinburgh produced the accounts of David Drummond, collector of the minister's stipend at Campheir. The charge from 28 August 1626 to 23 September 1627 extended to £111, 17s. 8d. gritt Flemish money, and his discharge for the collector's duty and reader's stipend to £45, 6s. 8d. gritt, leaving due to the burghs £66, 10s 8d., which sum had been delivered to the conservator.

Collector of
the minister at
Campheir his
compts.

23 November 1627.

5. The commissioners of borrowis beand convenit, foresameikle as the saids commissioners ysterday haiffing givin in his Maiesties lettre to the lordis of his Maiesties honorabill privie counsall anent the mater of the new introduct form of tanning and impositioun layed vpone the lether, and the saids lordis haiffing ordanit theme to give in their complent theranent vpone Tyisday nixt, the said commissioners considdering that betuixt and the said day the tanneris quhome that mater does most concerne cannot be convenientlie convenit, thairfore they ordaine the commissioners of the burgh of Edinburgh, with such of their number as salbe heir, to attend the said dyet and to intreat for ane longer day till the saids tanners may be convenit, and in the meanetyme ordanis ilk commissioner present to caus the tanners meitt and conveyne at this burgh the tent day of December nixtocum that sum course may be taiken in that complent be thair awin advyse, and ordanis the commissioners of Edinburgh with such of the present commissioners as salbe heir at that tyme to concur and assist with theme theranent, and the saids borrowis to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Edinburgh
barking
missive.

6. Forsameikle as the commissioners of borrowis haiving ressaut ane lettre anent his Maiestie will in the mater tuitching the commissioun, thairfore ordanis the commissioners of Edinburgh, with such of their number as salbe present, to delyver the said lettre to the lordis of com-

Edinburgh,
diligence.

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Edinburgh,
diligence.

missioun and to requyre the same to be inacted in thair buiks; and siclyik, they haiving ressauid ane vther lettre direct to the lordis of sessioun anent the burghis of barronie, ordanis the commissioners of Edinburgh, with such of the borrowis as salbe heir, when anie burgh sall haue to doe against anie burgh of barronie or thair inhabitants to produce the said lettre to the saids lordis of sessioun and to tak the best course for a preparative in favours of the burghis royall with advyse of the best lawyers as they sall think meit, and to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Sydserfe ije
guidlings.

7. [Referring to the 2nd act of the particular convention held on 10th July last] the saids commissioners, efter mature deliberatioun, grantis and gives to the said maister George Sydserfe, in consideratioun of his seiknes and travellis, the soume of tua hundreth guidlings in compleit satisfactioun of what is dew vnto him, and ordanis thair clerk to give warrand to thair collectors for delyverie thair of to him.

Mure, col-
lector.

8. The commissioners appointed Hew Mure, last made factor, to be collector of the imposts for defraying the stipend of the minister at Campheir.

Kirk at Cam-
pheir.

9. Forsameikle as the commissioners of borrowis, considering the lose the natioun tredding in Flanders sustenis through laick of ane minister thair, and with all considering that through occasioun of the present trubellis the said tred does decay daylie so that the collectiouns of the impost apointit for defraying of his stipend does not ansuere to the soumes allottit thairfore, thairfore the saids commissioners ordanis ilk burgh to be requyrit to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructit to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis for planting of the said kirk and for setting down ane course for defraying of the said ministers stipend in caice of decay of tred.

Conservator,
collector,
missive.

10. The saids commissioners, fynding that thair tred in Flanders is licklie to decay through diuers occasiounes, and that it is requisit to confer with my lord conservatour theranent that all letts may be taiken away, thairfore ordanis ane lettre to be direct to him for requiring him to be present at the nixt generall conventioun, and siclyik to require him to deliuer the soumes of money he hes in his handis collectit of the impost apointit for defraying the ministers stipend to Hew Mure, and to caus the collectour apointit be him present his comptes to the nixt conventioun

of his intromissioun with the said impost since his last comptes to the said Hew his entrie, and ordanis thair clerk to subscrivve the saids lettres, quheranent thir presents salbe his warrand.

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1627.

Conservator,
collector,
missive.

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Edinburgh, Johnne Maknacht, Thomas Weir; Dundye, James Boytter; Stirling, Johnne Cowae; Lynlithgow, James Bell; Sanct-androes, Robert Taelyeour; Glasgow, James Stewart; Haddingtoun, maister James [Cokburne]; Craill, Patrik Huntar; Brunteland, William Meiklejohn; Kirkcaldye, Williame Bosuall; Dysart, Daud Crystiesone; Anstruther Eister, Robert Alexander; Anstruther Wester, Robert Richardsone; Pettinweyme, James Stevinsoun; Perth, Abirdein, Air, Montrose and Dumbartane (*blank*).

EDINBURGH.
12 June 1628.

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1. Johnne Maknacht, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator. Moderator.

13 June 1628.

2. The commissioners of borrowis being convenit, and vnderstanding be report of the commissioners of Edinburgh that maister Johnne Hay, present commissioner for theme to his Maiestie, had informit theme of ane signature craived to be exped be the Erle of Seyfort for erecting of the burgh of Stronway in the yle of the Lewes, with the landis by and foregainst and vpon the north west thairof, pertaining to the said Erle, together with ane frie port and herbarie, in ane frie burgh royall, with als ample liberties, priueledges, and immunities as anie vther burgh within this realme hes, with libertie to him for inbringing of straingers and planting of thame thair, with powar to theme to trade and trafficque, and sindrie vther claussis contained in the signature drawinvp theranent, and the saids commissioners taking the same to thair consideratioun, and finding efter mature deliberatioun how preiudiciall the same may prove, not onlie to the borrowis nixt adjacent thair bot also to the whole borrowis, and not onlie to theme bot to this whole realme, if the said burgh salbe

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Hay, Seyfort.

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erected in ane frie royall burgh, or that straingers salbe licentiat to be planted in these plaices, thairfore they haue thocht guid that his Maiestie salbe acquainted with thair interes in the said mater, and that since the same will prove so hurtfull to this whole realme that his Maiestie be petitioned in thair names for recalling of the said signature ; and for this effect the saids commissioners hes elected and nominated, and be thir presentis electes and nominattis the said maister Johne Hay commissioner for theme, with full powar and commissioun to him, lyik as they be thir presents, gives, grantes, and committis to the said maister Johnne thair full powar and commissioun for theme and in thair names to regrait to his Maiestie the infinit hurt and skaith that will redound not onlie to the whole borrowis bot to this whole realme if the said signature sall goe fordward, and humblie to beg his Maiesties favour and graice for recalling thair of and to vse all vther meanes for recalling of the same ; and becaus the said maister Johnne is not heir present, thairfore thai ordaine thair clerk to direct ane lettre to him in thair names thanking him for his by-gane cair he hes had, not onlie in that mater bot in all thair effaires, and desyring him to accept of this present commissioun and to doe his diligence for recalling of the said signature, and ordanis the reassounes drawin vp presentlie to be sent to him for his forder informatioun ; as lyikwayes ordanis ane vther lettre to be direct to Sir Williame Alexander for concurrence with thair said commissioner in the said mater and to thank him for his by-gane favour, desyring his lordship not to subtract his helping hand frome theme at this tyme in so important ane bussiness, as thai sall not be vnmyndfull to acqyre his affectioun with what in theme lyes ; and ordanis thair clerk to subscriue the saids lettres in thair names, quheranent thir presentis salbe his warrand, and lyikwayes to registrat the saids reassouns in thair generall buik, whair of the tennour followis :—

Followis the reassounes for the borrowis for recalling of the signature purchest be the Erle of Seafort for erecting of the burgh of Stronoway in the Lewis in ane frie burgh royall with libertie to him for imbringing of straingers for planting thair of :—

First, the said burgh of Stronoway can not be erected in ane frie burgh royall becaus of the preiudice the same will bring to ane number of the nixt adjacent burghis, especiallie to the burghis of Thayne and Inuernes, for the saids burghis being vphaldin be thair tred and comerce

which they haue with the Hielands and Illes, that burgh of Stronway sall diuert the haill trade not onlie frome theme bot also frome the whole burghis of the north, so that it salbe the vndoeing of ane number of burghs alreddie floorisching and standing.

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The Ile of the Lewis, with the bounds against the samen craived to be erected, may be contenit within the bounds and liberties grantit be his Maiesties predicessouris to some of the frie burghis royall, who being so far remote frome hence could not be aduertised and retorne thair ansuer hither in dew tyme.

The said burgh of Stronway, being erected in ane frie burgh royall, and lying so remote frome all the haill pairts of this cuntrey be it selff, in the northmost pairt of the whole kingdome, thair salbe transported frome thence the whole forbidden commodities of the cuntrey, to the grit preiudice of this haill realme, such as beiff and talloun and vther forbidden guides, without controlment; lyik as, the same sall prove ane receptable for the saids forbidden guides, not onlie frome the Hielands and Ylles neir thairto, bot also frome the whole in pairts of the cuntrey, as is knowen by experience of some straingers resorting thither yeirlye for that effect allanerlie, so that the incuntreyis which before was susteynit with the commodities of these guides which the saids Hielands and Ylles did afford, such as bestiall and fisches and such vther commodities, now the same sall whollie be transported at the said burgh of Stronway, and the whole cuntrey salbe depyvit of the benefeit thai now haue of the saids Ylles and Hielands, and that mutuall band whairin the being of all cuntreyis does subsist, which is the mutuall participatioun and exchainge of these commodities, quherof ilk seuerall pairt of the cuntrey does abound be itselff, God so of his prouidence provyding that eache one pairt does not afford all sort of commodities bot that one is serued be ane vther, this mutuall band salbe broken and taken away, to the grit preiudice of this whole realme.

The said burgh of Stronway can not be erected in ane frie burgh royall efter the maner conteynit in the signature thairof, becaus it is against the daylie practique and lawis of this cuntrey, quhairby thair aucht to be no burgh royall bot whair the haill bounds and lands quhervpone the same is buildit, with the biggings and borrow ruids thairof is of his Maiesties propertie allanerlie, and being erected in ane frie

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royaltie sould hald of his Maiestie in frie burgage, for seruice of burgh allanerlie, for paying of borrow maill, so that the inhabitants can haue no vther overs lord or mediat superior bot his Maiestie allanerlie, whiche vtherwayes nicht grittumlie tend to the preiudice of his Maiesties seruice and euill preparative amangst the rest of the burghis, for in that maner the whole burghis of barronie nicht be erected and the burghis of his Maiesties propertie defrauded of these liberties, whiche by act of parliament are declared to be onlie proper for his Maiesties burghis; nather can it be called his Maiesties burgh or burgh royall which hes ane vther immediat superiour, wheras be the contrare the landis craved be the Erle of Seyfort to be erected in ane frie royaltie ar to be holden of his lordship in few, so that the inhabitants of the said burgh sall hold thair lands in few of his lordship, and thair liberties of the Kings Maiestie allanerlie, which maner of erectioun can not be called royaltie, for thairin the landis and properties, with the liberties and richts following the lands, ar erected, and not the liberties be themeselff which ar not ane reall thing bot hes the subsistence thair of *in jure* allanerlie following the realitie of ane plaice or land.

Whereas the onlie fischeing of this cuntrey, both for herring and quhyt fisch, is about the saids Ylles of the Lewis and lochs in the land lyand foregainst the samin, which is the bounds craived to be erected, is the cheiffest commoditie that this cuntrey does affoorde and the grittest benefeit that God and nature hes wouchased vpon this realme, and quhairvpon the haill burghs in the west with the haill burghs in the coast syid of Fyiff, with the rest of the borrowis lyand in the north, is intertynned, and thair inhabitants, consisting for ane grit pairt of fischers, does therby leive and by thair yeirlye outreicks to the saids plaices, and returnes thair fisches hither to thir pairts quhair thai haue thair abode, and according to the lawis of this cuntrey and actes of parliament, does furneis first this whole cuntrey before that anie is transported furth of this realme, to the no small benefeit of this natioun, quhair of we salbe altogither depryued if the said burgh of Stronway thair salbe erected in ane frie burgh royall, the inhabitants of the said burgh sall not onlie appropriate the fisches taiken within the saids bounds to themeselffis, and transport the same to foraine plaices, not communicating the benefeit thair of to the rest of the cuntrey, bot also they will caus the haill fisches

taiken be vthers to cum to thair port and mak mercat thairof to theme, and so depryve the cuntrey of the benefeit of that fisching which is the onlie fischeing of this cuntrey as is abovementionat, to the preiudice not onlie of the borrowis bot of the whole realme.

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The said burgh, with the bounds, loches, and seysis craived, being erected, the inhabitants thairof will appropriat that bounds to themselfes and debar the inhabitants of the rest of the frie borrowis and whole natives of this kingdome frome the benefeit of that fisching, to the vtter vndoeing of the whole cuntrey and destroyeing of all trade, both outward and invard, for the borrowis being depryved of that commoditie of fisches to transport outward, they sall haue no commoditie whairwith to bring in anie merchandice to the cuntrey bak agane, to the vtter overthrow of all trade and rwine of the haill schipping of this kingdome.

Anent the inbringing of straingers and planting of theme thair, the same sall tend to the vtter vndoeing of the whole borrowis and ruine of trade and navigatioun of this kingdome, for preventing quhairof thair hes bein sindrie lawis and statuttis maid against straingers in favours of the native, and especially in that mater of the fischeing, dischairging theme frome vsing of these liberties onlie competent to the natives, to the effect the haill cuntrey micht participat of the benefeit of the fisching, now the straingers sall not onlie participat with ws in the benefeit the cuntrey may yeild and whairwith we aucht first to be served before that anie for-raine plaice or straingers taist of the fruit thairof, bot being incorporat in ane frie incorporatioun sall, vncontrolled, vse all these liberties competent to the natives of this kingdome and communicat the same to vther strain-gers at thair pleasoure, debarring this whole cuntrey of the fruits that thair owne land does yield theme, as is euidentlie knowen by experience of that libertie granted to some straingers alreddie how manifestlie they leive vpon the fruits of this land without communicatting the same or anie pairt thairof to the inhabitants of the same; for wheras it pleased his Maiestie, of most worthie and eternall memorie, to grant vnto the Hollanders the libertie of fisching within this cuntrey, keiping themselfes alwayes ane kenning distant frome the land, so that thair remaynit nothing to the natives of this kingdome bot the fisching vpon the shore and in the lles and loches lyand within the land, now the said Erle of Scafort sall haue powar to plant of the saids Hollanders within his bounds, which is in

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effect the haill residew of the fisching not grantit to theme, so that the haill fisching of this cuntrey sall be devoluit in thair handis, to the vndoeing of the whole cuntrey, the oure fischermen sall all flie thither and be intertynniet be theme, so that within short spaice thair salbe no fischers in thir pairts, and the whole cuntrey salbe depryved of that commoditie quhairupone manie thousands ar intertynned and this whole cuntrey castin louse and desolat, and the inhabitants of that toun who being straingers sall transport oure whole fisches, so that for the vpmaking of ane few straingers not onlie the whole borrowis bot the whole cuntrey sall suffer wraik.

If the said toun salbe planted with straingers, the saids straingers sall not onlie depryve ws of the whole fisching as is above schawin, and consequentlie quhat may be returned for that commoditie, bot also they being frie heir sall, throw the haill mercattis of the north, tak vp all the plaiding, skyn, wooll, and yairne for thair vse, which is all the rest of the commoditie that this cuntrey yeildis, by and attour the said fischeing, and so be tyme putt this cuntrey frome all kynd of trade, so that in oure verie necessars we sall onlie be furneissed be theme, nather is this ane naikit feare or presumptioun, for we know be experience that whairevir the said people hes planted themeselffis what preiudice they haue brocht to the natives of these plaices.

The saids straingers haiffing brocht all trade both outvard and invard in thair hands, our schipping sall serue for nocht and consequentlie all schipping sall perische in this land, for quhat salbe transported be theme or imported salbe doone in forraine boddumes allanerlie, for they will serve themeselffis with thair awin and of these with quhome they keip correspondence and intelligence in vther plaices.

Mur, agent,
missive.

3. The saids commissioners, being informit that Maister Robert Mure was of intentioun to purches ane gift of his Majestie to be agent for the borrowis at Londoun vpone some act of borrowis purchasit be him of ald, thairfore ordanis ilk commissioner present to intimat the same to thair burghis at thair homecuming, and the saids burghs to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed thairin to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

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Hay,
Admirall.

4. The commissioners of borrowis being convenit, and vnderstanding that thair is ane signature craving to be expd in favoures of the Duik

of Lennox anent the admirallitie be the Erll of Lynlithgow, and feiring that they salbe preiudgit therby in thair liberties, thairfore they haue thocht guid that his Maiestie be petitioned in thair names that nathing may pas in preiudice of the saids borrowis and thair liberties, quherof thai haue bene in possessioun this lang tyme bypast, and thairfore they giue full powar and commissioun to maister Johnne Hay for petitionating his Maiestie in thair names for staying of the said signature, and to vse all lauffull meanes for opposing against the same and staying of quhatsumeuir may occure quherin thai may be preiudgit in thair saids liberties, and ordanis thair clerk to containe the same in the lettre to be directed to the said maister Johnne, quheranent thir presents salbe his werrand.

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GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* PERTH.

Edinburgh, Johnne Maknacht, Thomas Weir; Perth, Alexander Peibles, Andro Wilsoun; Dundye, Thomas Halyeburnetoun; Abirdein, Maister Alexander Jaffray; Stirling, Johnne Cowane; Lyulithgow, Williame Bell; Sanctandros, Symeone Gregour; Glasgow, Gabriell Cuninghame; Aire, Johnne Knight; Dysart, David Crystie; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne; Kirkcaldye, Alexander Law; Montrose, Johnne Gairdin; Coupar, Robert Pitersone; Anstruther Eister, Henrie Moreis; Dumfreis, Johnne Irrwing; Innernes, Duncane Forbes; Bruntyland, Williame Meiklejohnne; Kinghorne, Maister Robert Cuninghame; Jedburgh, Maister Johnne Rutherfuid; Kirkcudbright, Johnne Ewart; Wigtoun, Patrik Edzeare; Pittinveyne, George Kinghorne; Dumfermeling, Maister Thomas Wardlaw; Selkirk, Maister Johnne Ker; Dumbar, George Purves; Dumbartane, David Watsoun; Lanerick, Gedione Jak; Abirbrothok, Maister James Persoun; Peibles, Alexander Mure; Craill, Thomas Cuninghame; Thayne, David Forrester; Culrose, Maister Eduard Blair; Forfar, Andro Huntare; Rutherglen, Johnne Thomesoun; Northberuick, Johnne Mure; Innerkeithing be exemption and ratification producit be Bruntyland; Brichen and Elgyne, [the same] be Johnne Nisbett; Ramfrew, [the same] be Glasgow; Bamff, [the same] be Abirdein; Forres and Lauder [the same] be Johnne Nisbett; Kilranie [the same] be Anstruther Eister; Sanquhair, [the same] be Aire; Anstruther Wester,

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be ratificatioun produced be Johnne Nisbett ; Rothesay, [the same] be Glasgow ; Culane, [the same] be Abirdein ; Irrwing, Quhithorne, Nairne, Annand and Lochmaben (*blank*).

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Citatioun,
borrowis.
Elected
moderator.
Hours of
meitting.

1. The commissioner of Perth verified the citation of the burghs.
2. Alexander Peibles, first in commission for Perth, verified the citation of the burghs.
3. The hours of meeting appointed to be from ten till twelve and from two till six. Same regulations as to attendance, speaking and voting as at last general convention.

Glasgow un-
layed, chairge
agent, missive.

4. Forsameikle as the commissioun sent be the burgh of Glasgow be thair commissioner, Gabriell Cuninghame, being red and considderit be the commissioners of borrowes, they find that Ninian Andersoun, deykin convenar for the craftis of the said burgh, is elected commissioner coniunctlie and seuerallie with the said Gabriell, which is against the actes of borrowis maid anent the electioun of commissioners, and thairfore they decerne the said burgh in ane vnlaw of tuentie pundis, and ordanis the agent to vplift the same and to be chairgit therwith in his comptes, and to produce his diligence theranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, and siclyik dischairges the said Ninian of his part of the said commissioun and fyndis he can haif no plaice nor vote in this conventioun.

Annand un-
lay, missive.

5. Forsameikle as the burgh of Annand hes elected maister Symeon Weild, thair scoole maister, to be commissioner for theme whiche is against the actes of borrowis maid anent the electioun of commissioners, thairfore they dischairges him of his commissioun and fyndis him incapabill of the plaice of ane commissioner amangs theme, and declaires the said burgh absent, and vnlawis theme in the soume of tuentie pundis, and ordanis the agent to vplift the samin and to be chairgit therwith in his comptes and to produce his diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Annand.

Outland
burgessis, etc.,
factors in
France, fisch-
ing, missive.

6. Granted licence to the burgh of Annand to abide from all general conventions for seven years on the usual conditions ; and "considering the povertie and meannes of the said burgh" dispensed with the unlaw previously incurred.

- 7, 8, 9. Acts passed in terms similar to the 4th, 5th, and 6th acts of last general convention.

10. Forsameikle as the commissioneris of borrowis being informit that the toun of Brichen hes not put the commoun guid to the hiest availe, nor hes imployit the same vpon the commoun vses of thair burgh, and that thair thesaurer hes not maid his comptes since the yeir of God 1617, as lyikwayes that the maister of thair hospitall hes maid no comptes this lang tyme bypast of his intromissioun with thair hospitall rents, and that thair clerk does not keip ane autentick register of the infeftments givin be him within the toun, nor keipes ane formall court buik for the processis led and deducit before thair baillies, nor ane register of thair sentences, thairfore ordanis the agent to summond the said burgh to compeir before theme at the nixt generall conventioun and to bring with thame thair saids comptes of thair commoun guid weill imployit, with ane perfyte rental thair of, as also to ansuer for the registers of thair infeftments and court buikes, vnder the payne of xl lib.; and ordanis the agent to report his diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

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Brichen, electione magistrats, common good, hospitall, missive.

11. The commissioners, "vpone houp of reformatioun of the bygane abussis," remitted the unlaw incurred by the burgh of Wigton conform to the 13th act of last general convention, and ordained the burgh to conform to the acts in future.

Wigtoun, electione magistrats, missive.

11a. Ordained the burgh of Innernes to take further proceedings against the unfree traders mentioned in the 14th act of last general convention.

Innernes, unfrie tredders missive.

12. Referring to the 38th act of last general convention, the commissioners ordained the burgh of Perth to require one of their burgesses to make residence within the burgh or to cause him desist from using the liberty of free burghs.

Perth, Mitchell, missive.

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13. [Anent the 2nd act of the particular convention held on 13th June last, John Hay, commissioner then appointed,] compeirand this day declaired his haill proceedings in the said mater, and that his Maiestie had signed the same and had referrit the same to be considerit be the lordis of his Maiesties exchequer, thairfore the present commissioners of borrowis ratifies and approves the said Maister Johnne Hay his proceedings therin, and considdering how far the same may preiudge the whole borrowis, thairfore apointis the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundye, Abirdein, Stirling, Lynlithgow, Sanct Androes, Glasgow, Aire, Haddingtoun, Bruntyland, Kirkcaldie, Innernes, Anstruther Eister, Montros and Dunbar to meit and conveyin at the burgh of Edinburgh the aucht of

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roues, admirall,
Seyfort, mis-
sive.

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burroues.

this instant, and thair to treat, ressound, vote and conclud vpon the best meanes they can find out for staying of the said signatures, to which borrowis so convening, or maist pairt of theme, the present commissioners of borrowis gives thair full powar and commissioun in the said mater and all vther thinges concerning the generall weill of the borrowis and maintenance of thair liberties and priueledges.

14. Forsameikle as it hes pleased his Maiestie, out of his speciall graice and favour to his burghis, to signifie by his missiwe lettre direct to the present commissioners, and presented to theme be Maister Johnne Hay, his royall will anent the mater of the tyithes, as the same of the dait at Quhythall the 20 of Junij last beires; and the saids commissioneris, acknowledging humblie his Maiesties favour bestowit vpon theme, and considdering that his sacreid Maiestie, thair dread Soverayne, out of his royall cair, fatherlie and tender affectioun to the publick guid of all his Maiesties subjectes of this his Maiesties native and ancient kingdome of Scotland, for frieing theme frome the extremitie and damage may ensue to theme be leiding of thair tyithes, intends to tak such course as heir-after ilk man sall posses and injoy the tyithes of the landis pertening to theme in propertie, and they acknowledging themeselfes to be bundin in dewtye to the advancement of all his Maiesties royall designes, tending to so publick ane guid, thairfore to be bundin and obleist, lyik as thai and ilk ane of theme for thair awin burghis respectiue vnderwrittin, binds and obleissis theme and thair successouris to graunt vnto ilk heretour of the seuerall landis quherof the tyithes doe to theme appertain, efter the expyring of the present takkis alreddie grantit be theme, to the present takkismen, such richtis and securities for perpetuall injoying of thair awin teinds, and for payment of such rates and teind rentall bolles of victuall as his Maiestie in his royall judgement sall decerne theme, submitting theme selffis ilk ane for thair awin pairts theranent to his Maiesties royall decretit and sentence, and quhat salbe the trew rate, estimatioun, and quantitie of the said teind, and quhat securitie salbe maid to theme be the saids heretouris for yeirlye payment to be maid to thame, ilk ane for thair awin pairts of the said teind bolles of victuall of such sorts as sall grow vpon the same lands yeirlye, as salbe decernit be his Maiestie betuixt Yuile and Candlemes, for payment quherof the same landis salbe lyabill and bund in securitie of the same, and ar content and consentes,

ilk ane of theme for thair awin pairts, that his sacred Maiestie give furth his pleasoure and determinatioun anent the premissis referrit vnto his Maiestie in maner foresaid betuixt the day and dait heirof and the last day of December in the yeir of God j^m vj^e tuentie nyne yeires, as sall seeme guid to his Maiestie, with powar also to his Maiestie to prorogat the tyme of his geiving furth of the said determinatioun to whatsumeur day or dayes heirefter as sall seeme guid to his Maiestie out of his royall wisdome; and farder byndis and obleissis theme and thair successouris, ilk ane of thame for thair awin pairts and burghs respectiue vnderwritten, in caice it salbe fund that the rents of the tythes, grit or small victual, or syluer duetyes of the same, dotted for sustentatioun of the ministers, rectour and regents of thair colledges, maisters of thair scooles, and poore of thair hospitallis of thair seuerall burghis, payit to theme, sall exceed the yeirlye soumes of money expendit be theme for the foresaid pious vses and thair intertaynement in the stipends of the saids ministers, rectour, and regents of thair colledges, maisters of thair scooles, and of thair puire in thair saids hospitalles, then and in that caice to pay yeirlye to his Maiestie and his collectours, ilk ane for thair awin pairts, furth of the superplus and excres of the saids dewtyes remayning by and attour the payment of the stipends of the saids ministers, rectour and regents of thair saids colledges, maisters of thair scooles, and intertaynement of the said poore in thair saids hospitallis, out of ilk boll of best quheitt, ten shillings, out of ilk boll of best beir, eicht shillings, and out of ilk boll of best aittes, peas, and meale, sax shillings, and the said rent to be modifiet out of the whole rest of the teind bolles of victuall of the teinds foresaid being of inferiour worth, guidnes, and pryces, according to the proportioun of the said duetye and rent laid and imposed vpone the best boll of euerie kynd in maner foresaid; and whair aittes ar of the nature that thai will not rander above half meale the rent to be thrie shillings, and of euerie hundreth merkis of personage and wiccarage teynds which ar not of victuall, the soume of sex merkis money of yeirlye rent and duetye; and ordanis the submissioun sent down to them of the tennour foresaid to be subscriuit be the haill commissioners present and be thair generall clerk in name of the rest, who be thair seuerall ratificatiounes hes ratified the haill proceedings of the commissioners in this present conventioun, and for these that ar absent conforme to the ordour obseruit be the borrowis

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in thair proceedings, and ordanis the said submissioun, so subscryuit and to be superscryvit be his Maiestie, to be sent to his Maiestie with this present act in taiken of thair obedience to his Maiestie in all his royall intentiones, with all diligence, immediatlie efter the dissolving of this present conventioun, quhairof thai remitt the cair to the borrowis that ar apointit to meitt at Edinburgh the aucht of this instant, and the saids burghs to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Sydserve iije
gudlins.

15. The commissioners granted to Maister George Syidserff one hundred guidlings in addition to the two hundred guidlings granted to him by the 7th act of the particular convention held in November last.

Factors, col-
lectors of the
ministers
stipend, con-
servator, mis-
sive.

16. The commissioners for saving the expenses of collection, ordained that in future "the factoris, yeirlie, each one of theme thair yeir about," should uplift the impost for the minister's stipend and account for the same. To this effect they discharged Robert Grierson, the present collector, and directed him to give in his accounts to the burgh of Edinburgh.

Commissione,
certane bur-
roues, victuall,
barking, mis-
sive.

17. Foresameikle as the commissioners of borrowis, considdering the dearth of victuall amongs the burghis of the west, thairfore they give full powar and commissioun to the burghis that ar appointed to meit at Edinburgh the aucht of this instant to tak notice thairof with the act sett down be the lordis of his Maiesties privie counsall anent the importing and exporting of victuall, and to tak the best course for preventing the said dearth and remedieing what may preiudge the saids borrowis in the said act; as lyikwayes, to adyvse vpone the best expedient they can fynd out in the mater of the new forme of tanning and impost layed vpone leather, and to prosecut the same.

Aikinheid
agent.

18. Foresameikle as the commissioners of borrowis, haiveing ressauit and apointed James and vmquhill maister Robert Wynrahames agents and procuratours for theme in all thair generall seruices, coniunctlie and severallie, and that now it hes pleased God to call the said maister Robert out of this lyiff, and that the said James being through aige becum infirme and vnable to dischairge the said office allone, and thairfore be his missive direct to the present commissioneris humblie craived that it vald pleis thair lordships to adjoyne Alexander Aikenheid, writter in Edinburgh, with him in the said plaice; thairfore, and in regaird of the said James his bygane and long service, and in consideratioun of the

qualificatioun and abilitie of the said Alexander to dischaarge the said ^{PERTH.} place, thairfore they be thir presentis makkis and statuttis the saids ^{2 July 1628.} James Wynrahame and Alexander Aikenheid their agents and procura- ^{Aikinheid} ^{agent.} tours in all thair commoun effaires, coniunctlie and seuerallie, gevand, grantand, and disponand to theme the office thairrof, with all fies and deutytes belonging thairto, to indure at the guidwill and pleasoure of the borrowis allanerlie; and the said Alexander, compeirand, gaive his aith to be ane thankfull seruand to the said borrowis in all thair effaires.

19. The commissioners authorised Alexander Aikinheid, agent, to receive the ^{Agent dewes.} sums of money contained in the missive.

20. Granted licence to the commissioner of Wigtoun to depart from this ^{Wigtoune.} convention.

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21. Ordained the burghs appointed to meet at Edinburgh on 8th inst., to take ^{Faires in the} proceedings before the privy council regarding a complaint of "the nichtbournes ^{north, missive.} resorting to the faires of Sanct Serff, Sanct Laurell fair, and Bartill fair," [that they] "ar heavielie oppressed be George Gordoun of Newtoun, Johnne Leith of Hairt-hill, and Alexander maister of Forbes, be exacting of theme certane grit and exorbitant customes, and by violent wounding of theme and taking frome theme thair waires, and not onlie frome theme bot frome his Majesties haill lieges, far contrare to the decreit obtenit against theme by the lordis of his Majestie privie counsall."

22. Remitted to the commissioners appointed to meet at Edinburgh on 8th ^{Commissione,} inst. to procure from the conservator an account of certain duties due under ^{conservator,} the injunctions set down to him, and to inquire into other grievances against ^{missive,} him.

23. Decerned the burgh of Montrose to make payment to George Suttie ^{Montrose,} of £7, 3s. 4d. grit Flemish money, being dues of impost payable by one of their ^{Sutie.} burgesses.

24. Decerned the burgh of Dysart to pay to George Suttie £24, 16s. 8d. ^{Dysart, Sutie,} grit Flemish money, dues of impost payable by them. ^{conservator.}

25. Ordained the burgh of Pettinweyme, as in the 8th act of last general ^{Petinweyme,} convention, to deprive one of their alleged burgesses of his liberty or to cause ^{Touch, missive.} him to make residence within burgh.

26. The commissioner of Glasgow declared that he, in name of the burgh, ^{Glasgow con-} passed from the complaint against Dumbartane referred to in the 30th act of ^{tra Dumbar-} last general convention. ^{tane.}

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Chairge of the
stapell, missive.

27. Forsameikle as it being meanit to the present commissioners that the haille natioun trading to Flanders does suffer grit damage and hurt through occasioun of thair staiple port being at the toun of Campheir, and that the samin may more convenientlie be plaiced in sum vther pairt, thairfore ordanis ilk burgh to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed with thair best advyse and resolutioun theranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Ratificatione,
Trotter, factor.

28. The commissioners agreed to the admission of Eduard Trotter, son of John Trotter, merchant in Edinburgh, to be factor of the nation at Campheir.

Trotter collec-
tor of the
ministers
dewes.

29. The commissioners appointed Eduard Trotter to be collector of the impost for the minister's stipend at Campheir.

Elgyne, elec-
tione, magis-
trats, com-
moun lands,
Bamff, outland
burgessis, mis-
sive.

30. The commissioners of borrowis, being informit that the burgh of Elgyne does not proceed formalie in the electioun of thair magistrattis, and that thai haue of late fewit out thair commoun landis at small avall, to the hurt and prejudice of ther commoun guid, to sum of thair awin nichtboures, as lyikwayes that they and the burgh of Bamff hes sindrie and diuers burgessis residents without thair burgh and sufferis theme for ane smal soume of money to vse the libertie of thair burghes without the same, to the grit preiudice of the haille remanent borrowis, thairfore the saids commissioneris ordanis [the burgh of Elgyne to conform to the acts and to produce to next general convention the form of election, rental of lands, and both burghs to produce diligence against outland burgesses.]

Commissione
anent Inernes,
missive.

31. Anent the supplicatioun givin in be Duncan Forbas, commissioner for the burgh of Inernes, in name of the said burgh, regraiting the hevie hurt and damage thair inhabitants hes susteynit throw the rigorous pursute of the Erle of Murray, throw the patent grantit to him of leivetenentrie within thair schirrefdom, quhairby thair haille inhabitants ar licklie to be redactit to extreme povertie and necessitie, so that the said burgh is licklie to perisch and decay frome amongs thair number, thairfore the present commissioners of borrowis ordanis the burghis that ar appointit to meitt at Edinburgh the aucht of this instant to tak the same to thair serious consideratioun and to tak sum course quhairby they may be relievit of anie farder violence or hurt and to prosecut the same.

Dumbartane,
impost.

32. The saids commissioners of borrowis grantes and giues licence to the burgh of Dumbartane to impetrat of our Soverayne Lord the gift of the

impositioun following, to be bestowit be theme vpone thair watter workes for preservatioun of thair burgh fra the invndatioun of the watter of Levin, for the spaice of nyntein yeires, viz., of ilk kow, ox, hors, stott, meire, and staig that cumes within the libertie and friedome of the said burgh and passis throw the samen to quhatsumèuir mercattis, be the awners, caryers, and dryvers thairof, aucht pennyes; of ilk merchand cummand to the tua seuerall faires within the said burgh, the ane thair-of callit Lambes fair and the vther callit Patrikmes fair, that keipes buith within the samen, tua s. sex pennyes; off ilk cloathman, smithis and vthers standing vpone the commoun calsayis of the said burgh, haiffing geir to sell, tuelff pennyes; of ilk crame standing vpone the calsay, sex pennyes; of ilk bott that hes timber or bark passing throw thair rewar to anie mercattis or to the mercattis of the said burgh, at ilk tyme thrie schillingis four pennyes; of ilk boll of bark sald in the said mercat, sex pennyes; of ilk schip, bark, and crear cuming frome anie forraine pairts or frome the Ylles, within the libertie of the said burgh, at ilk tyme, the schip being abone fyftie twyn, the sowme of threttein schillingis four pennyes; the bark being above tuentie tun, sex schillingis aucht pennyes; the crear being above fyve twyn, thrie schillingis iiijd., and that to be payit be the awners or maisteris of the schippis, crears, and veschellis, quhairof the guides to pay the tua pairt and the veschell the thrid pairt; ilk coupar boit of hering, aines in the yeir thrie schillingis iiijd.; with this provisioun alwayes that they bestow the samin vpone thair said water workes as saidis and be comptable thairof to the saids commissioners of borrowis.

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33. Anent the supplication of the burgh of Culros craving support to the repair of their harbour, the commissioners appointed the burghs of Stirling, Linlithgow, and Dumfermling to visit the harbour and report to next general convention.

Supplicatione,
Culrose,
missive.

34. Ordained the burgh of Inerkithing to send their commissioners to next general convention sufficiently instructed to answer the claim of Williame Blaikburne, bailie, for repayment of certain sums of money disbursed by him, and appointed the burghs of Bruntlyland, Dumfermeling, Culros and Kinghorne to take trial of the complaint and to report.

Blaikburne
contra Iner-
kithing,
missive.

35. Granted licence to the burghs of Forfar, Northbernick, Abirbrothok and Thayne to abide from all general conventions for three years.

Exemptiones.

PERTH.
4 July 1628.

Sutie compts,
missive.

36. In terms of the 36th act of last general convention, George Suittie, merchant, produced his accounts of his intromission with the impost granted to him from 1st May 1627 till 23d June last, extending to £433, 8s. 5d. gritt Flemish money, which being deducted from £791, 6s. 11d. there is left owing to Sutie £357, 18s. 6d., for payment of which he was authorised to continue in uplifting the impost, and certain burghs were ordained to make payment to him of money due by their inhabitants.

Plaiding,
yairne,
missive.

37. The same day, it being regraitted among the commissioners be the tredders with plaiding, it being aue of the chieffest commodities of this cuntrey, of the grit falsett that hes croppin in of late among the workers of the said plaiding, and in rolling thair webs vp so hard that thair dissait cannot be convenientlie tryet, thairfore ordanis ilk burgh to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructed with thair best advyse for preventing thair of to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiwe ; and siclyk, the saids commissioners, vnderstanding that the tred of yairne now being come to ane gritt trade in this cuntrey, and that the poore people that telles the samin does not onlie in selling thair of dissaiue the buyars, bot also in the lenth of the reill, notwithstanding of diuers constitutiones maid theranent of before, thairfore ordanis ilk burgh to send thair commissioners to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis for remedieing thair of.

Selkirk, electione,
magistrates,
missive.

37a. Ordained the burgh of Selkirk, in the election of their magistrates, to conform to the acts, and to send the form of their election to next general convention.

Forret,
minister at
Campheir.

38. Foresameikle as the commissioners of borrowis being requyrit be ane article of thair last generall missiwe for plantatioun of the kirk of Campheir, vacand in thair handis be dimissioun of maister George Sydserff, late minister thairat, euer since his dimissioun, quhilk was the tent of Julij 1627, and being vnwilling that the samin sould lye anie longer vnplantit ; and vnderstanding of the literature and qualificatioun of maister Johnne Forrett, present minister at Newbirne in Fyiff, thairfore thai haue elected and chosen, lyik as thai be thir presentis electis and nominattis the said maister Johnne to be minister at the said kirk for serving of the cure thair of, and ordanis ane presentatioun to be exped to

him thairvpone vnder the subscription of thair generall clerk in thair names; lyik as the said maister Johne this day compeirand accepted vpone him the cure of the said kirk, and obleist himself for serving and abyding therat or whair it sould happin theme to affix thair staiple in anie pairt of the Law Cuntreyis, and for teaching of the word, ministring of the sacraments, and doeing all vther function pertaining to ane minister; and for this effect obleissis him to transport him selff with his whole familie to the said toun of Campheir betuixt and Alhallowmes nixt; for the quhilkis caussis the present commissioners of borrowis grantis and gives to the said maister Jobne for his yeirly stipend and seruice during his remayning and seruice at the said kirk, or whair it salhappin the samin to be, the soume of aucht hundreth guidlings yeirly to be payit to him in name of stipend at four vsual termes in the yeir, viz., Alhallowmes, Candlemes, Beltan and Lambes, to be payit furth of the impost grantit and appointit for defraying of the said ministers stipend. . . And appoints for his present duelling hous the hous agreit vpone be the toun of Campheir for thair minister, conforme to the contract past betuixt the saids commissioners of borrowis and the commissioners for his Excellence and the said toun of Campheir, of the dait at Campheir the 19 of November 1612, with all immunities and priueledges injoyit be the factors thair.

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4 July 1628.
Forret,
minister at
Campheir.

39. The burgh of Whithorne decerned in an unlaw of £20 for not making payment of £9, 17s. 6d. of missive dues.

Whithorne,
unlayed.

40. Alexander Aikinheid, agent, granted the receipt from the present commissioners of 3,300 merks due to James Rae, merchant, conform to the 27th act of last general convention, with £240 Scots, conform to the 5th act of the particular convention held on 11 July last; also £840 Scots due to Thomas Chairteres, conform to the 3d act of the particular convention held on 21st November last; also £261, 7s. 6d. due to umquhile Robert Wynrahame, with £170, 12s. viij d. due to James Rae, conform to the 39th act of last general convention, excepting £9, 16s. 6d. due by Quhithorne.

Agent, dis-
charge,
burroues.

41. Ordained the burghs of Bamff, Jedburgh, and Innerkeithing to produce the form of the election of their magistrates at Michaelmas next, and to conform to the acts.

Bamff,
Jedburgh,
Innerkeithing.

42. Granted licence to the burgh of Pettinweyme to abide from all general conventions for three years.

Exemptione,
Pitinweyme.

43. There were produced accounts of the disbursements of umquhile Mr Robert Wynrahame, agent, extending to £176, 13s. 4d., and with two years' profit to £210, and the accounts of James Wynrahame extending to £46, 13s. 4d., with £20 paid

Agents,
Winrahame,
missive.

PERTH.
4 July 1628.

Agent,
Winrahame.
Clerk of Perth,
agent.

to the clerk of this burgh, and other £20 paid to the general clerk, and a year's profit of all, extending in whole to £96, 13s. 4d. Each burgh was ordained to send their parts of the above sums to next general convention.

44. Ordained the agent to pay to the burgh of Perth £20 for directing the missives this year.

5 July 1628.

Commissione,
Forret,
missive.

45. [Referring to the 38th act of this convention] ordanis the commissioners of Dundye, Sanctandroes, Coupar and Bruntyland to pas with maister Johnne Forrett to the richt reverend Father in God, my lord archiebishop of Sanctandroes, and schaw his lordschip how that the said plaice being vacand, thai haue presentit the said maister Johnne to the same, and to deale with his lordschip for his transplantatioun thairto, and the saids commissioners to report thair diligence heiranent.

Nixt conven-
tioue.

46. Dissolved the present convention and appointed the next general convention to be held at Culros in July next.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
8 July 1628.

Edinburgh, Johnne Maknacht, Thomas Weir; Perth, Patrik Andersoun; Dundye, Thomas Halyburnetoun; Abirdein, Maister Alexander Jaffray; Stirling, Johnne Cowane; Lynlithgow, Williame Bell; Sanctandroes, Robert Taelyeour; Glasgow, Gabriell Cunninghame; Aire, Johnne Knicht; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne; Bruntyland, Williame Meiklejohnne; Kirkcaldye, Alexander Law; Innernes, Duncan Forbes; Montrose, (*blank*); Dumfreis, Johnne Irrwing; Anstruther Eister, Henrie Moreis; Dumbar, George Purves.

8 July 1628.

Moderator.

1. Johnne Maknacht, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected Moderator.

10 July 1628.

Commissione,
Abirdein,
erl of Murray,
missive.

2. Referring to the 31st act of last general convention, the commissioners appointed Alexander Jaffray and another, merchants in Aberdeen, commissioners

to the Earl of Murray to deal with him for settling the question between his lordship and the inhabitants of Innernes. In case they failed to settle, these two commissioners were directed to advise the burgh of Edinburgh thereof, "and the said burgh in case their salbe anie direct from hence to his Majestie in their vther affaires, ordanis theme to direct ane commissioun to theme for regairting of the estaitt of the said burgh to his Majestie and for dealling with his Majestie for redres thair of in their names."

EDINBURGH.
10 July 1628.

Commissione,
Aberdeen,
Earl of Murray,
missive.

11 July 1628.

3. Anent the 22d act of last general convention, the commissioners gave commission to the burgh of Edinburgh to take trial regarding "the hurts the tredders in Flanders susteynis through occasioun of the conservator" and as to "sum new impositioun being imposed vpon them be the said conservator and of the daingers oure nichtboures vnderlyes."

Commissione,
Edinburgh,
conservator,
missive.

4. Anent the 21st act of last general convention, the commissioners ordained that the heritors be charged for keeping of the decreet against them and directed the agent to raise the necessary letters.

Agent, fairs in
the north,
missive.

5. Ordained the clerk to subscribe the submission referred to in the 14th act of last general convention "and to extract the act maid theranent and to deliuer the same to Maister Johnne Hay to be sent to Sir Williame Alexander for delyverie the same into his Majesties handis."

Hay, submis-
sione, missive.

6. The saids commissioners, considering the necessitie of their affaires, and how mutche neid thai haue to be advysed therein if anie parliament sould occur, thairfore they ordayne the burgh of Edinburgh that whensoever anie parliament salbe indicted, with all convenient diligence thereafter to convein with theme the burghis of Perth, Dundye, Abirdein, Stirling, Lynlithgow, Sanct Androes, Glasgow and Haddingtoun, and to requir theme for sending of their commissioners for meitting at their said burgh weill instructed with their best advyse for taking of sum guid course anent their haill affaires and liberties, to which borrowis so convenand the present commissioneris gives their full powar and commissioun to doe, vse, and exerce all and whatsumeir they might doe themeselfes or what thai sall find most meitt and expedient for the weill of the borrowis, and the said burgh and burghis to report their diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Commissione,
Edinburgh,
parliament,
missive.

7. Anent the reference maid be the commissioneris of borrowis con- venit at Perth to the commissioners presentlie conveynit anent the signatures craived to be exped be the Duik of Lennox anent the

Commissione,
Edinburgh,
Seyfort, ad-
mirall, etc.

EDINBURGH.
11 July 1628.

Commissione,
Edinburgh,
Seyfort, ad-
mirall, Linlith-
goe, burghs of
baronie, mis-
sive.

admiralitie of this kingdome, and be the Erle of Seafort for erecting of the burgh of Stronway in the Ile of the Lewes in ane frie burgh royall and planting of the same with straingeris, and the signature of making of powder be the Erle of Lynlithgow; and the present commissioners haiffing comperit before the lordis of his Maiesties privie counsell theranent, and Tyisday nixt being assignit to theme to ansuer, and the saids commissioneris haiffing sein and considerit the same and finding the same not onlie to tend to the preiudice of theme and of thair liberties bot also to thair vtter ruine and wraik as thai haue sett down in thair articles anent the saids signatures, thairfore thai ordayne the burgh of Edinburgh to attend the said dyett and all vther dyettis before the saids lordis theranent and to present the saids articles and ansuer anent the saids signatures; and grantis and gives to theme full powar and commissioun for theme and in name of the haill remanent borrowis to prosecut the samin and give neid beis to send vp ane commissioner to his Maiestie in thair names for presenting of thair iust greivances and hurt if the saids signatures sall goe fordward, and generallie all and sindrie vther thinges to doe in the premissis as thai micht doe themeselffes, ratifeing and approving thair haill proceedings therin; and in caice that thai sall send anie commissioners to his Maiestie theranent ordanis the said burgh to caus thair commissioner deale with his Maiestie for ane dischaarge to the lordis of counsell for decyding or giving proces against thame or anie of theme anent thair priueledges at anie persounes instance quhatsumcuir, bot that thai may be desyrit to remitt the same to the judge ordiner; as lyikwayes ordanis thame to tak to thair consideratioun sum meanes quherby the granting of monopolies and vther signatures may be stayit quherin the saids borrowis or anie of theme ar interest till the said burgh of Edinburgh be aduertised, that thereafter the same may be communicat to the rest of the borrowis; as lyikwayes in quhatsumcuir vther things may occur that thai doe thair best endevores for the weill of the borrowis, and in speciall anent the burghs of barronie; and the said burgh to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.EDINBURGH.
7 August 1628.

Edinburgh, Johnne Maknacht, Thomas Weir ; Dundye, Johnne Ramsay ; Stirling, Johnne Cowane ; Sanctandroes, Robert Taelyeour ; Glasgow, Gabriell Cuninghame ; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne ; Perth, Abirdein and Lynlithgow (*blank*).

7 August 1628.

1. Johnne Maknacht, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator. Moderator.

8 August 1628.

2. The commissioneris of borrowis beand conveynit, foresameikle as Edinburgh, the burgh of Edinburgh haifing, conforme to the commissioun givin to theme be the commissioneris of borrowis convenit at Edinburgh the ellevint day of Jaliij last, wairnit the borrowis that wer appointed to meit and conveyne at this burgh conforme to the act of the said conventioun maid theranent, and the present commissioneris haiveing considerit the importance of the effaires concredeit to theme and the small number presentlie conveynit, and that the tyme appointed for the parliament is licklie to be continewit till ane new dyett through occasioun of his Maiestie not cuming, thairfore the saids commissioneris as of before ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh as they sall gett intelligence of the preceis dyett of his Maiesties cuming and of the tyme of the parliament, that thai acquent the saids borrowis contenit in the former act to the effect thairin contenit be ther missive, and to require theme for meitting at the said burgh at such convenient tyme before the meitting of the estaittis as they sall think neidfull, and the said burgh to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

3. Forsameikle as it being compleynit that the conservatour hes at his awne hand deposed James Weir, factour in Campheir, for not schewing him his bookes of accomptes, wheranent the saids commissioneris of borrowis hes formerlie dispensit, lyik as they signifiet the same to him, and the said conservatour not being present to ansuer for himself, thairfore ordanis ane lettre to be direct to him theranent shewing him that conforme to the articles agried vpone betuixt theme and him thair was

Conservator,
Sydserfe, Weir,
missive.

EDINBURGH.
8 August 1623.

Conservator,
Sydserfe, Weir
missive.

reserved to theme the deposing of factouris except thai had failled in sum essential point to the King and kingdome, and thairfore if he hes deposed the said James to desyre to restore him to his plaice ; and farder showing him they had agriet with maister George Sydserff for his bygainne service for thrie hundreth guidlings, [and desiring him to cause the collector of the impost to pay the same, to send home his accounts, and to pay over any balance to Eduard Trotter, collector.] And farder that they being informit that he vsuallie strykes vp the merchands lettere (which they can not beleive) that if so be that he desist therfra in all tyme cuming.

Commissione,
Hay, conser-
vator, missive.

4. Foresameikle as the commissioneris of borrowis being farder informit anent the conservatour of the grit hurt he daylie does to diuerse of thair nighbouris resorting to thair staiple port of Campheir, to ther grit preiudice, thairfore they haue thocht guid that sum course be taiken for preventing the farder growth of his enormities, and hes thocht it fitt that since the English natioun hes the onlie presentatioun of the said plaice at thair staiple port, and that they mak choice onlie of sum of thair owne number whome they think meittest for dischaarge of the said plaice, lyik as they considdering that the said conservatour is onlie mantenit vpon thair chairges, and that it is ane office that onlie does belong to theme, thairfore they give powar and commissioun to maister Johnne Hay, present commissioner for theme to his Maiestie, to acquaint his Maiestie with thair interrest in the said office, and humblie to beg of his Maiestie the presentatioun of the said plaice, that they may present sum of thair awin number thairto, as the English natioun does, for whome they salbe ansuerabill, with powar to theme to continew or displace the present possessor or all vther whome they sall nominat at thair pleasure ; and for better effectuating thair of they give full powar and commissioun to the said maister Johnne to vse all the meanes he can wherby they may attein to thair desyred end, and quhatsumeir he sall doe in the premissis they for themselfes and in name of the whole remanent borrowis obleis theme and thair burghis to abyid therat and fulfill the samen in all thinges.

Agent, sounes
of money, dis-
chaarges.

5. Alexander Aikenheid produced the discharges of James Rae, Thomas Chartres, and Johnne Wynrahame for the sums mentioned in the 40th act of last general convention.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
8 January 1629.

Edinburgh, Johnne Maknacht, Laurence Cokburne ; Dundie, Johnne Ramsay ; Stirling, Johnne Cowane ; Lynlithgow, Williame Bell ; Sanct-androes, Robert Taelyeour ; Glasgow, Patrik Bell ; Aire, Robert Gordoun ; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne ; Bruntyland, Williame Meiklejohnne ; Kirkcaldie, Williame Williamesoun ; Dysart, David Simpsoun, younger ; Craill, Johnne Markesoun ; Anstruther Eister, Robert Alexander ; Anstruther Wester, Maister Johnne Dairsie ; Kinghorne, Maister Robert Cuninghame ; Culros, Maister Eduard Blair.

8 January 1629.

1. Johnne Maknacht, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator. Moderator.

15 January 1629.

2. The commissioners considering that they had petitioned the privy council for restraining strangers resorting to the West and North Isles who transport fishes and forbidden goods ; also that they had presented a letter from his Majesty to the lords of exchequer for staying the signature granted to the earl of Seafort as to the erection of the burgh of Stornoway, and that they had presented a supplication to the privy council craving a time to be assigned for giving in overtures anent the fishing in the Isles, they, the commissioners, gave full power and commission to the burgh of Edinburgh to prosecute the supplications as they should think best for the weal of the burghs. Commissione,
Edinburgh,
fishing in the
Isles and Seyfort,
missive.

3. The commissioners ratified a letter sent by the burgh of Edinburgh "vpone ane vrgent necessitie," authorising the collector of the minister's dues at Campheir to pay to Mr Johnne Forrett, minister, £30 Flemish, in addition to his stipend. Ratificatione
of ane letter
in favour of
Forrett.

4. Continued "till ane vther occasioun" that head of the missive concerning the conservator. Conservator,
missive.

5. The same day, the commissioneris of borrowis presentlie conveynit considdering that in the mater of the admiraltie whiche so neir doeth concerne theme all that thair objectiounes is not as yit hard, thairfore they give of new full powar and commissioun to the burgh of Commissione,
Edinburgh,
admiraltie,
missive.

EDINBURGH.
15 January
1629.

Commissione,
Edinburgh,
erl of Linlith-
goe, missive.

Edinburgh for presenting of the same and for prosecuting of the said mater as they sall think best for the weill of the borrowis.

6. Anent the patent grauntit to the Erle of Linlithgow anent the making of saltpiter, pouder, and matche, the saids maters not being as yit endit, thairfore the present commissioneris of borrowis gevis thair full powar and commissioun to the burgh of Edinburgh, for theme and in thair names, to attend the said mater and to doe thair best endeavour for staying thair of and preveining the euident hurts the borrowis ar licklie to sustein through diuers claussis contenit therin in caice the said Erle sall refuis the restrictiounes craived be the saids borrowis, with powar to theme to doe therin as they sall find best for the weill of the borrowis, and to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt general conventioun of borrowis.

Certane bur-
roues unlayed,
agent, missive.

7. The following burghs unlawed in £20 each, viz., Perth, Abirdein, Munros, and Innernes for being absent, and St Andrews for departing before the dissolving of this convention.

EDINBURGH.
2 March 1629.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Johnne Maknacht, Andro Scott; Perth, Andro Gray; Dundye, Thomas Daudsoun; Abirdein, Maister Vedast Lowsoun; Striviling, Johnne Cowane; Lynlithgow, Andro Bell; Glasgow, Patrik Bell; Aire, Johnne Cuninghame; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne; Dysart, Thomas Richardsoun; Kirkcaldie, Johnne Williamesoun; Bruntyland, Williame Meiklejohnne; Caraill, Johnne Mackesoun; Kinghorne, Maister Robert Cuninghame; Anstruther Eister, David Alexander; Dumbar, George Purves; Sanctandrees, Montrose, Innernes, Pettinweyme and Irwing (*blank*).

2 March 1629.

Moderator.

1. Johnne Maknacht, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

5 March 1629.

EDINBURGH.
5 March 1629.

2. The commissioneris of borrowis being conveynit, and haiffing compeired yesterday before the lordis of his Maiesties most honorabill privie counsell anent the mater of the erectioun of the burgh of Stornway in ane frie burgh royall craived be the Erle of Seyfort, and the said Erle haiving produced ane ansuer to the last repley maid be the borrowis in the said mater, and the saidis lordis haiffing assignit the thirteint of this instant to the saids commissioneris to ansuer, thairfore the saids commissioneris ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to mak ane repley to the said Erles last ansueris, and to produce the same the said day; and becaus the saids borrowis cannot attend be theme selffes the said dyett, and leist that through thair absence they sould suffer anie interrest or preiudice in that mater so mutche concerning theme, thairfore the saids commissioneris grantis full powar and commissioun to the said burgh of Edinburgh be all meanes convenient to prevent all inconveniences that may befall in the said mater, and to doe quhatsumeuir they sall think best for staying of the said signature, and giff neid beis to mak offer of vndertaking of the said fischeing in thair names according to thair powar and abilitie, and to acquaint the remanent borrowis before they mak anie further proceeding therin then the said offer . . . ; as lyikwayes to attend and follow furth the compliments givin in be the borrowis against the said Erle of Seyfort and if neid beis to refer the same to his lordships aith of veritie for proving of the said complent or to vse anye vther probatioun as they think best . . . ; and farther becaus the said burgh of Edinburgh, according to the commissioun givin to theme the ellevint of Julij last, haiving directed maister Johnne Hay commissioner to his Maiestie in the said mater, and in vther thinges mentioned in the said commissioun, and that thair chairges is not rebursed to theme, thairfore ordanis ilk burgh to be requyrit to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructed theranent to the first meitting that sall occure.

Commissione,
Edinburgh,
Seyfort, mis-
sive.

6 March 1629.

3. George Ramsay, post, verified the citatioun of the burghs of Sanctandroes and Munros to this convention.

Sanctandroes,
Munros.

4. Unlawed the burghs of Sanctandroes and Munros in £20 each for being absent from this convention.

Sanctandroes,
Montrose.

CULROS.
7 July 1629.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* CULROS.

Edinburgh, Johnne Sinclare, Andro Scott; Perth, Andro Wilsoun; Dundye, Johnne Ramsay; Abirdein, Thomas Colinsoun; Striveling, Johnne Cowane; Lynlithgow, Andro Bell; Sanctandrees, Symeon Gregour; Glasgow, James Stewart; Aire, Johnne Osburne, younger; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne; Dysart, Maister Daud Kinghorne; Kirkcaldie, Johnne Willamesoun; Montrose, Johnne Taelyeour; Coupar, Daud Andersoun; Anstruther Eister, Thomas Mertoun; Dumfreis, Robert Richardsoun; Innernes, Robert Baillie; Bruntyland, Williame Meiklejohnn; Innerkeithing, Harie Kinglassie; Kinghorne, Maister Robert Cuninghame; Brichen, Williame Lyoun; Irrwing, James Scott; Jedburgh, Maister Johnne Rutherford; Kirkcudbright, Johnne Ewart, younger; Wigtoun, Williame Dumbar; Dumfermeling, maister Thomas Wardlaw; Selkirk, William Scott; Dumbar, George Purves; Dumbartane, Johnne Fallisdail; Peibles, Patrik Thomesoun; Craill, Patrik Huntar; Culros, George Bruce, maister Eduard Blair; Rutherglen, Thomas Wilkein; Anstruther Wester, be exemptioun and ratificatioun producit be Anstruther Eister; Ramfrew [the same] be Glasgow; Abirbrothok [the same] be Dundye; Elgyne, Thayne, Forbes, and Lauder [the same] be agent; Northberuick [the same] be Haddingtoun; Annand [the same] be Dumfreis; Forfar, ratificatioun producit be Dundie; Rothesay, ratificatioun producit be Glasgow; Nairne, ratificatioun producit be Innernes; Kilranie, ratificatioun producit be Anstruther Eister; Lochmaben, ratificatioun producit be Dumfreis; Sanquhare, ratificatioun producit be Glasgow; Pettinweyme, Lainrick, Bamff, Quhithorne and Culane (*blank*).

7 July 1629.

Citatioun borrowis verified.
Electio moderator.
Hours of meeting.
Wilkin, commissioner for Lainrick discharged.

1. The commissioner of Culros verified the citation of the burghs.
2. George Bruce, first in commission for Culros, elected moderator.
3. Hours of meeting and regulations as to attendance and voting same as at last general convention.
4. The burgh of Lanark having sent as a commissioner one who was not a resident in the burgh, the commissioners refused to receive him and found Lanark liable in an unlaw.

5. Ordained the burgh of Dumfries to use further diligence in restraining certain unfree traders. CULROS.
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6. Quheras it being meaned be the commissioner of the burgh of Bruntyland that Patrik Myller, coupar, indueller in Craill, haiving cum to thair toun and sauld vnsufficient herring to thair nichtboures for sufficient Ylles herring, thairfore ordanis the said burgh of Bruntyland to conveyne the pairties interest before theme and to tak ane sufficient and lafull tryell of the said dissait, and for trying thair of to vse all lafull and legall meanes, and the same being so tryed be theme to certifie the same to the magistratis of the said burgh of Craill vnder thair publick testimoniall, which dissait being so certified to theme ordanis theme to conveyn the said pairties, and he haiving nothing trewlie to object against the said verificatioun bot that they finding the samyn sufficientlie provin and verifiet that then they not onlie caus him restore the damage sustentit be the pairties interessed bot also pvnische him in his bodye and guides, to the example of vtheris to committ the lyik; and ordanis both the saids burghis to report thair diligence heiranent till the next generall conventioun of borrowis vnder the payne of tuentie pundis ilk burgh.

7. Anent the gritt hurt sustentit be the merchands tredders with plaiding in the haill north cuntrey in defect of the selleris and makeris thair of, who for covering of thair fraud that the same sould nott be knowen does bring the same to the mercatt hard rolled vp, quhairby they nott onlie cover the insufficiencie of the wooll or working thair of, bot also does draw the same to ane gritter lenth then the said wair will beir, as is mentioned in the 37 act of the last generall conventioun; for remeid quhair of the saids commissioneris findis that the onlie remedie is that the saids workers and selleris of the said plaiding be hinderit and stayed for presenting the same to the mercatt rolled vp, and that it be presented onlie treynched or layed in pyles or faldis, quhairby the buyar may sie his commoditie and sufficiencie thair of, as the samin is doone in all vther pairtis of the cuntrey; and thairfore ordanis the same to be rememberit in the nixt particular conventioun, and ordanis the borrowis then to be convenit to tak some course for restrayning of the workeris and selleris of the said waire for presenting the same trynched in maner foresaid, and if neid beis to mein the same to the lordis of his Maiesties privie counsell and desyre thair autoritie and act of counsall to be interponit thairto

Dumfries, unfrie tredders missive.
Bruntland, Craill, diligence, missive.

Abuse, plaiding, trincing thair of.

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that ane vniforme ordour may be obseruit through the hail cuntry or vther wayes as they sall think neidfull.

Yairne, weght,
commissione,
missive.

8. Anent the threttie sevint act of the last generall conventioun . . . ordanis ilk burgh to putt the actes of borrowis maid anent the lenth of the reill to execution and such yairne as cummes to thair mercattis that the magistrattis trye the lenth of the hesp and caus number the threids thair of and such as salbe fund to fault in ether lenth or number that they confiscatt the said yairne and pvnische the presenters thair of exemplarlie, and becaus the saids falsettis can not so weil be remediet as by wecht conforme as the samin is sauld in vther partis, quhair of the people of this cuntry hes not bein in vse, thairfore ordanis the said overtoure to be remembred in the next missiwe, and ilk burgh required to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructed with thair best advyse how the hail yairne may be sauld be wecht onlie; and in caice thair occure betuixt and the nixt conventioun anie particular conventioun that the same be lyikwayes rememberit that sum meanes may be fund out how the same salbe brocht to be weyed.

Dischairge, un-
lay, Glasgow.

9. The commissioners dispensed with the unlaw incurred by Glasgow conform to the 5th act of last general convention, and the commissioner for that burgh "acknowledgit thair oversicht, and thairfore for himself and in name of his said burgh obleist theme nott to committ the lyik in anie tyme thairefter."

Wigtoun, elec-
tione, magis-
trats, missive.

10. [As required by the 11th act of last general convention, the commissioner of Wigtoun produced the form of election of their magistrates at Michaelmas last,] quhilk beand sein and considerit be the present commissioneris of borrowis, they find they haue not proceedit thairin conforme to the lawis of this cuntry and actes of parliament and borrowis, in electing of the Erle of Galloway to be thair proveist, and thairfore to haiff incurrit the said vnlaw; and in respect thair said commissioner compeirand in thair names acknowledgit thair oversicht, and alledgit the same to haue bein doone vpone meir necessitie be theme, for eschewing of maniefold daingeris quhairin thair magistrattis incurrit thir diuers yeires bygain, being chairgit for taking and apprehending of certain nichtbouring gentlemen vpone lettres of captioun, and obleist him self in name of his said burgh that thai sould in all subsequent electiouns formallie proccid conforme to the actes of parliament and lawis of borrowis

in all thinges; quhairfore the saids commissioneris in hope of their amendement continewis the vplifting of the said vnlaw incurrit be theme of before till the nixt generall conventioun, and ordanis theme to produce the forme of the electioun of their magistrattis at Michaelmas nixt to the said conventioun vnder the paine of ane hundreth pundis.

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tione, magis-
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11. Anent the aucht act of the last generall conventioun of borrowis . . . and the present commissioners considdering that these domages does arryse to thair tredderis in defalt of the saids factouris, who not being subject to the lawis of this cuntrey does vse the merchandis at thair pleasoure, and that thair can be no meanes so expedient for eschewing of these euillis as to haue the factouris subjected to the lawis of this cuntrey, and that none be employed bot such as sall find caution for thair intromissioun and ressaive thair office frome the borrowis and subject themeselffis to all such lawis and constitutiones as the borrowis in thair generall or particular conventiounes sall impose vpon theme; and becaus the same can tak no present effect thairfore ordanis the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Abirdein and such vther borrowis as pleaseth to trye out amongst there nichtboures such persounes amongs theme as ar fitt for vndertaikin of that charge, and ar abill amongst theme to find caution for thair intromissioun, and wilbe abill to fulfill the actes to be sett down be the borrowis, and to present theme to the nixt generall conventioun, as also to advyse with thair nichtboures anent the lawis to be sett down to the saids factouris, and to send the same with thair commissioners to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis: as also to acquaint thair nichtboures with the restraint to be estaiblished in favouris of the saids factouris that salbe ressaut be the saids borrowis that it sall not be lawfull to theme to imploy anie vther factoures, vnder certan gritt paines to be sett down be the saids borrowis, and the saidis borrowis to report thair diligence heiranent till the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis vnder the paine of xx li. ilk burgh.

Factors in
France, mis-
sive.

12. Anent the tent act of last generall conventioun . . . for obedience quhairof compeired Williame Lyell, commissioner for the said burgh of Brichen, and producit ane perfyte rentall of thair commoun

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gence, Statut,
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guid and how the same hes bein yeirlye imployit, as lyikwayes ane rentall of thair hospitall rent subscryuit be thair minister and certan of thair magistrattis and counsall, with ane testificat vnder ther handis of thair clerk his deutie in keiping of ther registeris and court buikes ; which all being considerit be the present commissioneris they find the said burgh to haue vsit thair diligence and absoluis theme frome the former persuit for not dischaarge of thair deutie conforme to the same tent act, and recommends to thair magistrattis to haue ane cair that thair said common guid and rent of thair hospitall be lyikwayes in all tyme cuming weill imployet. And becaus that it vald appear that this complent against the said burgh hes proceidit without anie sufficient grund, and that all the rest of the borrowis may be subject to the lyik causeles misreport, thairfore it is statutt and ordaynit that quhen such report or informatioun salbe givin in against anye burgh for the lyik caus in tyme cuming, that, first, the agent or sum adjacent borrowis salbe desyrit to tak notice thair of and to report to the commissioneris what they haue tryed thairin, and that thairefter the said burgh being fund to haue appearance of guilt that then they may be sumond to ansuere to the generall convention anent sutch thinges as may be iustlie layed to thair chairge.

Selkirk, elec-
tione, magis-
trats.

13. As required by the 37th act of last general convention, the commissioner of Selkirk produced the form of election in that burgh at Michaelmas last, with which the commissioners were satisfied.

Bamff, elec-
tione, com-
moun good.

14. Ordained the burgh of Bamff to produce to next general convention the form of election and a rental, as in the 30th act of last general convention.

Jedburgh,
electione,
magistrats,
missive.

15. Anent the 41 act of the last generall conventioun . . . compeirit Maister Johnne Rutherfuid, commissioner for the said burgh of Jedburgh, and producit the forme of the electioun of thair magistrattis and counsall at Michaelmes last, which beand sein and considerit be the present commissioneris, they find theme to haue done wrange in suffering of the maister of Jedburgh to appoint the lyittes of thair proveist, as also in electing of ane chirurgian to be vpone the lyittes of thair baillies, as also in keiping of the shiref clerk and William Rutherfuid, notter, to be vpone thair counsell, and findis lyikwayis thair electioun to be confused and to consist of ane gritt number ; and becaus of the informatioun givin be the present commissioner of the necessitie and of the tyme quhairby they wer compelled to give way to the said informalitie, and vpone

houp of amendment, the present commissioners dispensis with the vnlawis incurrit be theme of before ; and ordanis the said burgh in thair nixt electioun to proceid therin conforme to the actes of parliament and borrowis, and that none haue plaice or voite in the electioun of thair proveist nor na vther magistrat or counseller bot themeselffes allanerlie, and that non be vpon the lyittes of thair magistrattis bot the ordour of merchandis allanerlie, and that they suffer none bot merchandis and craftismen within themeselffes to be vpone thair counsall, and to draw thair electioun to ane more formall number, vnder the payne of j^e li., and to produce the same to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis ; as lyikwayis ordanis the agent to be present at thair said nixt electioun and sie the forme prescryvit be the actes of parliament and borrowis keiped, and to chairge theme for keeping thairof, and to report his diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

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electione,
magistrats,
missive.

16. For obedience of the 11th act of last general convention the commissioner of Innerness "declaired that James Dow and Donald Mackenzie is becum thair burgesses and resides amangs theme and that the vther tuo ar depauperat." The commissioners ordained the burgh to report diligence to next general convention.

Innernes, unfrie
treders,
missive.

17. For obedience of the 12th act of last general convention the commissioner of Perth produced "ane decreit of thair gild court depryiving Johnne Mitchell of his libertie, which the present commissioners acceptes for diligence," and the burgh was ordained to take farther proceedings against unfree traders.

Perth, unfrie
treders,
missive.

18. Ordained the commissioners appointed to meet after the dissolving of this convention to take into consideration the questions mentioned in the 17th act of last general convention.

Barking, vic-
tuall, commis-
sione, missive.

19. The agent produced letters of horning against the burgh of Whithorne in terms of the 39th act of last general convention, but the commissioner of that burgh having obliged himself to satisfy all bygone missive dues, the commissioners dispensed with the unlaw.

Discharge,
agent, unlay,
Whithorne.

20. Anent the 45 act of the last general conventioun . . . comperit the commissioneris of Dundye, Sanctandroes, Coupar and Bruntlyland, and reported that, conforme to the commissioun givin to theme conforme to the said act [they] had delt with the Archiebischof of St Androes anent maister Johnne Forrett, elected minister for the natioun at thair staiple

Dundie, etc.,
diligence.



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port at Campheir, and conforme thairto he was plantit at Campheir, quhilk the saidis borrowis acceptes for diligence.

Dischaige,
certane
unlayes.

21. The commissioners dispensed with the unlaws incurred by the burghs of Perth, Abirdein, Sanctandroes, Munros and Innernes, "becaus the saids borroues hes schewin sufficient reassounes quhy they could not keip the particular conventioun appointed . . . and ordanis quhen anie particular conventioun sall ocure that they sall keip the same better heirefter."

Monopolies,
commissione,
missive.

22. It being impairtit to the present commissioners that thair ar diuers patents and monopolies purchased far contrare to the weill of the cuntrey and liberties of the borrowis, and in speciall one anent the transporting of stounes, thairfore ordanis the commissioneris that salbe appointed to meitt at Edinburgh efter the dissolving of this present conventioun to tak notice thair of, and in speciall of that of the stounes, and to mak all laufull oppositioun against the same, to which borrowis the present commissioneris giues thair full powar and commissioun to doe therin quhat thai nicht doe themeselffis, and ordanis theme to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Fairs in the
north, dili-
gence satisfied.

23. Anent the 21st act of last general convention, the commissioner of Abirdein produced letters against the heritors of the fairs for keeping of the decret, "and declaired that since the heretouris of the saids faires had obtempered the said decret."

Pittinweyme,
unfrie tred-
ders, diligence
satisfied,
Dysart
missive.

24. For obedience of the 25th act of last general convention, the commissioner of Sanctandroes produced a decret by the bailies of Pettinweyme against Williame Touch, indweller in Levin, depriving him of their liberties. The commissioners ordained the burgh of Dysart to charge him to desist from trading.

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change of the
stapell,
missive.

25. Anent the 27 act of last generall conventioun . . . concerning the change of the staiple frome the toun of Campheir, the saids commissioners haiving ressaut ane lettre frome his Maestie willing theme that efter examinatioun of the reassounes inducing the alteratioun of the said staiple that they sould adverteis his Maestie before anie thing be concludit, and siclyik compeirit the conservatour and producit ane lettre frome his Excellence in favouris of the said toun and promising as guid conditionis as at anie vther plaice, and finding that thair be diuers hurts sustined be the merchandis in the transport of thair guides frome Mid-

dilburgh to the said toun of Campheir and inconveniences whairvnto their goodes ar exposed be the way in oppin bottes, as lyikwayes in default of the magistrattis of the said toun, and that they ar diuers motives that may iustlie inforce thair transportatioun, thairfore the saids commissioneris ordanis the borrowis that ar appointed to meitt at Edinburgh efter the dissolving of this conventioun to tak the said mater to thair serious consideratioun and give notice to his Maiestie of thair iust causes inducing theme to alter thair said staiple, as also to wryte ane ansuer to that lettre of his excellencie, to which borrowis then to be conveynit the present commissioneris gives thair full powar and commissioun to doe thairin as they sall find best for the weill of the merchandis.

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missive.

26. The commissioneris of borrowis, vnderstanding that thair ar diuers complaintis presented and to be presentit to theme against maister Patrik Drumond, present conservatour of the priueledges of the natioun in the Low Cuntreyis, be diuers persones, which being signified to the said conservatour he compeirit and submitted himselff to the decisioun and determinatioun of the commissioneris presentlie assemblit in this thair generall conventioun or to the commissioneris of borrowis to be conveynit in the nixt particular conventioun or in anie vther generall or particular conventiounes following, not onlie in the saids complaints presented or to be presented at this tyme, bot also in quhatsumeuir vther complaints salbe givin in against him be quhatsumeuir merchandis, skipperis, marineris, and factoures, or be the agent of the borrowes, or anye vther persone quhatsumeuir, in all materis doone be him in his office or concerning the staiple in the said cuntrie in all tyme heirefter, and band and obleist him, lyikas he be thir presentis bindis and obleissis him to abyid at thair sentence and determinatioun to be given furth be theme in the saids complaintes, and obleissis him to fulfill, obtemper, and obey the samyn in all the heids thairof as it sall pleis the saids commissioneris to injoyne vnto him.

Submissione,
conservator.

27. The saids commissioneris of borrowis, considdering the mater of the fisching, and how important the same is to the whole cuntrey, and quhat farder guid the same micht bring to the whole estaitt if the samin wer improvin to the vttermost, and that they haue alreadye in diuers conventiounes of before sett down sindrie statuttis for the weill

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and advancement of the said fisching and for avoyding of diuers enormities committit be the coupars, pakkers, and slayeris of the saids herrings, to the gritt detriment of the merchand tredders thairin and infamie of the natioun abroad in forraine pairts, and, namelie, ane act maid at Edinburgh the 12 of Julij 1616 reforming the forme of the barrell, ane act maid at Dumfreis in anno 1622 for sufficient provisioun of salt to be provydit be these quho outreikes for the said fisching and dischairging of peilled herring to be pakkit with pakkit herring bot be theme-selffes, ane act maid at Glasgow in anno 1625 ratifieing the former actes and dischairging of pakkit herring with peilled herrings in ane veschell, ane act maid at Aire dischairging the ryving of the steppes that cummes frome Yreland, as at mair lenth is contenit in the saids actes; and the present commissioneris considdering that if the saids actes wer putt to executioun conforme to the tennouris thairof be the magistrattis of the burghis quhome the samin does concerne and to quhois cair the executioun thairof is committit, the said fisching vald prove more profittable to the cuntrey and more advantagious to the merchand, and mae vald be encouraged to adventure vpone the fischeing, thairfore the present commissioneris ordanis the haill borrowis quhome the samin does concerne to intimat the same of new to thair merchandis, maisteris, and coupars, and to sie the samyn obseruit within thair boundes more diligentie in the haill heids thairof, vnder the paynes contenit in the saids seuerall actes; and that they dischairge the saids merchandis, maisteris of schips, mariners, and coupars frome pakking of anie insufficient herrings bot qubat they pak the samin may be loyallie pakkit, and that they pvnisch with rigour such as they find to transgres; and the saids borrowis to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis vnder the paine of tuentie pundis ilk burgh.

Inerkithing,
electione,
magistrats,
missive.

28. For obedience of the 41st act of last general convention, the commissioner of Innerkething produced the form of the election at Michaelmas last, which being considered, the commissioners "find the said burgh to haif doone wrang in electing of William Inglis to thair proveist and Johnne Scott of Spenserfeild to be vpone thair counsall," and ordained the burgh to conform to the acts in future.

Conservator,
diligence
satisfied.

29. The conservator appeared and reported the fulfilment of the 16th and 20th acts of last general convention.

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30. The commissioneris of borrowis beand conveynit anent the diuers articles of the missiwe concerning the erectioun of the burgh of Stornway in the Ylle of the Lewes, and Erle of Seaforth purchasser of the patent thairof, the saids commissioneris haivand sein and considderit the said patent, as lyikwayes haiffing pervsed the reassounes givin in against the same with his ansuers thairto, togither with the repyles and duplyes maid in the said mater with his ansuers maid thairto, and considdering how that notwithstanding the said proces does lye at his lordship, and that the said patent during the process is not exped, yitt the Hollanderis with quhome the said Erle hes contracted hes enterit in possessioun of the said yle, does daylie fische, and oure nichtboures wha hes bein thair hes declairit that the haill beiff and fisches and all vther commoditie both in that ille and ylles thairabout as also in the maine ar taikin vp be the straingeris and coft before the hand, so that thair native ships that went thither wer refused of kettell fisch or anie vther commoditie for sustentatioun of thair cumpanie, so that this haill cuntrey is licklie to be depryuit of the haill benefeit of the fisching and of all vther commoditie that these plaices nicht affoord; and with all considdering the forme and multitud of that people, so abounding in schip and all kynd of trade and powar for maintenance thairof that quhairsoeur they haue cum they have bein maisteris of the haill trade in these plaices, to the gritt incommoditie and hurt of the natives, and that this cuntrey lyand so near to theme, and they haiving so commodious a plaice of residence they ar abill (quhither naturalized, priueledgit, or nott) in schort tyme to draw the whole trade of this kingdome both invard and outvard in thair awin handis, to the vtter vndoeing of this estaitt and no small preiudice of the whole natioun; the which consideratiounes the saids commissioneris taking to hairt they find it more nor tyme that sum spedye course sould be taken for preventing of the farther grouth of that euill, and haiving advysit of the fittest and reddiest meanes quhairby the same salbe brocht about they find non so readye as to haif recourse to thair Soverayne Lord and maister the Kingis Maiestie and to lay oppin to him thair iust greivances and imminent and sein overthrow if his Maiestie be his authoritie both at home and abroad with the estaittes of Holland doe not

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repres that people and deliuer the inhabitantis of this cuntrey and merchandis frome thair oppressioun both in the said yle and vpone the coastes of this land, who vpone ane pretendit libertie obtenit of his father of most worthie memorie ar the overthrowes of the haill fischeing of this cuntrey; and least it micht appeare that they insist vpone the redres of thir euilles mor vpone ane naikit feare although grundit vpone iust reassounes rather then vpone ane desyre of resolutioun to improve that so rich a commoditie, the onelie true meyne abill to mak this cuntrey abound with gold and silver and all vther commodities necessar for the same, and becaus ane constant course heirin cannot be resolved hercvpone at this meitting, thairfore they ordaine the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Abirdein, Stirling, Lynlithgow, Sanct Androes, Glasgow, Aire, Haddingtoun, Dysart, Kirkcaldie, Montrose, Bruntlyland, Anstruther Eister, Craill, Kinghorne, Couper, and Anstruther Wester, to send thair commissioneris to the burgh of Edinburgh vpone advertisement to be maid to theme be the burgh of Edinburgh vpone such tyme as salbe agriet vpone be the nixt particular conventioun, with ample and full resolutioun for vndertaking and improving of the said fisching in the said yle or therabout, and weill instructed with thair best advyse and overtoures for satling of ane toun and trade in these pairtis, ilk burgh vnder the payne of tuentie pundis, as they tender the weill and floorisching of this estaitt and cuntrey; to which borrowis or maist pairt of theme convenand the present commissioneris grantis and giues thair maist full and ample powar for vndertaking of the said fisching and planting of the said toun, and to doe, vse, and exerce in the said mater all and quhatsumeuir the present commissioners now assembled micht doe theme selffes or quhatsoeuir they sall find expedient for the weill of that mater, ratifeing for theme and thair burghis and successoures quhatsoeuir course and conclusioun salbe taiken be theme thairanent; and obleissis theme and thair saids burghis to abyid therat and to prosecut the same to the vttermost of thair powars, and ordanis the remanent commissioneris present to recommend the said mater to thair burghis at thair homecuming and to trye out if thair be anie amangst theme that will adventure with the rest in the said fisching, and that thai ather give notice thairof be writt to the said conventioun or send ane commissioner instructed to meitt with the rest thairin the said day. And farder, becaus as said is the saids Hollan-

deris is alreadie enterit into the said fisching, and that such of the burghis as are yeirlie accustomit to outreik for the same are lyik to be disappointed of the fischeing thair, and thair haill materialles and prouisioun of salt and tries to be castin ydle vpone thair hand, haiving no vther meanes for employment thair of, and ther fischers quho ar accustomit to serue at the said fisching haiving no other meanes to intertyne thair families ar licklie to run away to the saids Hollanderis and serue theme and leive thair tounes desolat, the same consisting for the maist pairt of such lyik people, if sum spedye course be not taiken in tyme as in before mentioned ; thairfore ordanis the commissioneris of the burghis of Edinburgh, Dundie, Abirdein, Stirling, Lynlithgow, Glasgow, Aire, Haddingtoun, Bruntlyland, Kirkcaldie, Anstruther Eister, Irrwyng, Montros, Dumbar, Jedburgh, and Dumfreis to meitt and conveyne at the burgh of Edinburgh the fourtein day of Julij instant with continuation of dayes, and thair to mak choice of some qualifiet persone, ane or mae as they sall think meitt, quhome they sall direct with ample commissioun in thair names to his Maiestie for opposing of the said signature and recalling of the same, and for dealling with his Maiestie for haiving the said fisching to be devoluit in thair handis with powar to theme for erecting of ane burgh in the saids pairtes and with all powar requisit to theme for improving of the said fisching, to which borrowis or maist pairt of theme so convenand the saids commissioneris grantis thair full powar and commissioun to mak choice of the said persone or persounes and to give instructiounes to him in the said mater and to borrow such soumes of money as they sall find necessar for the said commissioner or commissioneris chairges quho ar to be employit for effectuatting of that busines ; which soume so to be borrowit be theme, with the proffeitt and interest thair of quhill the same be payit, the saids commissioneris binds and obleissis theme and thair burghis to refund the same ; as lyikwayes the saids commissioners grantis and gives thair full powar and commissioun to the saids borrowis to doe in the said mater all and quhatsumeuir they nicht doe themeselffes and quhatsumeuir they sall think maist expedient and necessar for the weill of the borrowis, lyik as they be thir presentis ratifies and approves the haill course to be taiken in the said mater and quhatsumeuir salbe doone be theme thairin and obleissis theme and thair burghis to abyid theratt, but gainecalling or contradicitioun quhatsumeuir.

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Commissioner,
Strounway,
missi ve.

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Commissione,
Strounway,
missive.

With powar lyikwayis to the saids borrowis to instruct thair saids commissioner or commissioneris in the mater of the admiralitie, conseruatorie, and all vther materis that may concerne the saids borrowis or anie ane of theme, and ordanis theme to graunt vnto him or theme full powar and commissioun in the saids haill particulars to deale with his Maiestie theranent, and all and sindrie vther thinges to doe thairanent that they sall think most expedient for the weill of thé borrowis, quhairanent the present commissioners gives thair full powar and commissioun, and for theme and thair burghis ratifies and approves quhatsumeuir proceidings and course salbe taiken be theme in the saids materis, and ordanis the saids borrowis and commissioneris respectiue to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Statut, factors
books, conser-
uator, missive.

31. [Referring to the 26th act of the last general convention of 1626,] the present commissioners, considdering how necessar it is for the weill of the whole tredderis that the said course sould be followit furth, thairfore they ordaine the saids whole factours thair, betuixt and the first day of September nixtocum, to present to the said conservatour or his deputtis ilk ane of theme ane buik of accompt, and that he caus his clerk merk the samin throw the haill leives thairof, and to sett down the day of thair delyverie thairof bak againe to the saids factoures together with the nomber of leives the saids buikes does contein, and ordayne theme with all diligence to begin thair accomptes in the saids buikes, and to haue no comptes bot these that ar registratt in the saids buik or buikes to be merkit be the said conseruator clerk in maner foresaid ; and anent the monethlie visitting of the saids buikes the saids commissioneris discharge the said conseruatour, being personalie present, and his deputtis frome visitting of the same efter thai ar delyverit to the saids factouris till he sall resaive ane new warrand frome the commissioneris of borrowis in some generall or particular conventiounes to that effect against the saids factours or anie ane of theme ; and ordanis the said conseruatour to intimat this present act to the saids factouris with all diligence and to sie theme keiped in all tyme cuming and to report his diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Weir, factor,
conservator.

32. The commissioners instructed the conservator to re-admit James Weir, who had been discharged, to be a factor at Campheir.

33. Anent the remonstrance maid be maister Johnne Forrett, minister CULROS.
 at thair staiple port at Campheir, of the estaitt of the kirk of the said 10 July 1629.
 toun, and how that maister Patrik Drummond, present conseruatour of Minister of
 the priueledges of the natioun in the Law Cuntries, did, contrare to the Campheir,
 ordour obseruit in the kirk, incrotche vpone thair governement, and albeit sessione.
 that anie conclusioun was maid be the minister and cessioun thair be
 vald nather putt nor suffer the same to be putt to dew executioun, to the
 great reproache and disgraice of that kirk amangs strangeris and dis-
 credeit of the borrowis quha ar onlie interest in the same, as at mair
 lenth is contenit in his remonstrance givin in be him theranent; and the
 saidis commissioneris considdering how necessar it is that the said kirk
 thair sould enjoy all convenient libertie of discipline and the said minister
 and sessioun sould not be impedit of thair governament in thinges con-
 cerning the church bot rather sould be authorized and cherished be the
 conseruator, thairfore they ordaine the conseruatour, being personallie
 present, to suffer and permitt the said minister and cessioun to governe
 the said kirk and discipline thair of conforme to the daylie ordour obseruit
 in the kirk of Scotland, and in nowayes to hinder and impeded theme, and
 to putt or caus be putt to executioun all such actes as salbe maid be
 theme in materis ecclesiasticall for the weill of the kirk thair, and to
 concure and assist with theme in all thinges concerning the discipline; as
 lyikwayes ordaines that the said conseruatour, as ciuill magistratt in these
 pairtis, salbe comptit of and respected be theme as the only ciuill magis-
 tratt and as ane member of the said sessioun, and quhen he is thair
 present that he sall haue first voite and opinioun in all thinges; and as
 tuitching the moderatioun, they find that according to the custome of the
 kirk of Scotland that the samin does appertein to the minister; and the
 said conseruator being present consentit heirvnto; and anent the reider,
 the commissioner findis the electioun, continuatioun, or depriuatioun of
 him belongis to the borrowis allanerlie.

34. Remitted to the burghs appointed to meet at Edinburgh on 14th inst. Complents,
 to consider and dispose of "the complaintis givin in be some of the neighbouris conservator,
 of the burghis and be the agent in name of the borrowis against the said commissione,
 conseruator." missive.

35. The agent having produced the diligence anent the 30th act of last Elgyne, dili-
 general convention, the commissioners found that the burgh of Elgyne had "not gence satisfied.

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Elgyne, dili-
gencee satisfied.
Blaikburne,
Inerkithing.

Burnet, factor,
cautioner,
Japhray.

Augmentatio,
Forrett.

Drummond,
compts, com-
missione, mis-
sive.

Trotter,
compts, mis-
sive.

Eleis, collector,
missive.

Suitie comptis.

Culrose, ve
merks, missive.

Hadington,
support, mis-
sive.

Wigtoun, sup-
plicatioun, mis-
sive.

formallie proceidit thairin, and speciallie in the forme of the electioun of thair magistrats, and ordanis theme to amend the samin in tyme cuming and not to be so confused bot to proceid thairin conforme to the actes of parliament and borrowis."

36. William Blaikburne appeared and passed from his complaint against the burgh of Innerkeithing.

37. The commissioners accepted of a bond by Alexander Jaffray as cautioner for Johnne Burnett, factor at Campheir.

38. On the supplication of the minister at Campheir "craiveing augmentatioun to his stipend, in respect of the grit and exorbitant dearth quhairvnto all kynd of viueris hes rissen in that cuntrey," the commissioners granted an augmentation of 200 guidlings.

39. Remitted to the commissioners appointed to meet on 14th inst. to receive and consider the accounts of David Drummond, servitor to the conservator, of his intromission with the impost granted for the minister's stipend.

40. The accounts of Eduard Trotter, factor at Campheir, of his intromission with the impost granted for defraying the minister's stipend, from 1st August till 26th June last, were produced. The charge extended to £169, 15s. Flemish money, and the discharge to £123, 1s. 8d. gritt Flemish money, leaving due by the collector £46, 13s. 4d.

41. The commissioners appointed James Eleis, factor in Campheir, to be collector of the impost granted for the minister's stipend from 1st August 1629 to 1st August 1630.

42. George Suittie produced his accounts of his intromission with the impost granted to him. The commissioners ordained all parties owing any sums to Suittie to make payment, and they authorised him to continue in uplifting the impost to 1st August next.

43. The commissioners granted to the burgh of Culros 500 merks for the reparation of their harbour.

44. Ordained the burghs to send their commissioners to next general convention sufficiently instructed to give answer to the supplication of Hadington for help to the repair of the harbour of Aberlady.

45. Anent the supplicatioun givin in be the burgh of Wigtoun declairing that the commissioneris of borrowis haldin at the burgh of [Edinburgh *] had grantit vnto theme the soume of four hundreth pundis for prosecutioun of thair actioun against the burgh of Stranrawer, they alwayes bestowing the lyik soume thervpone, and that thai had neuer ressaut the samin bot had prosecut the said actioun vpone thair awin expenssis and had obtenit decreit against the said burgh of Stranrawer, quhairvpone the said burgh hes obtenit ane erectioun of ane frie burgh royall,

* *Vide*, ante, p. 70.

and that they had actioun of reducioun presentlie depending before the lordis against the same, and thairfore crawling thair help to prosecut the same as they sal be redy to bestow the lyik soume lyikwayes of thair awin, as at mair lenth is contenit in the said supplicatioun, the saids commissioneris ordanis the said burgh to prosecut the said actioun and according to thair diligence promittis to help theme, and ordanis ilk burgh to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

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Wigtoun, sup-
plicatione, mis-
sive.

46. Granted licence to the following burghs to abide from all general conventions, viz., Brichen for five years, Innernes, Kilranie, Lochmaben, Dumbartane, and Rutherglen, for three years.

Exemptions,
Brichen, etc.

47. Compeirit the commissioner of the burgh of Dundie and producit ane act before the lordis of his Maesties most honorabill privie counsall declairing that his Maestie haiveing bein petitioned in name of the maissones, wrichtis, and vtheris thair dependantis within the burgh of Dundie, that thai nicht haue ane libertie to cheis ane deykin as the rest of the frie borrowis within this kingdome hes for the better reforming of the abusses amangis theme, and that his Maestie was gratuslie pleased to remitt the consideratioun of the said petitioun to theme, lyik as the saids lordis be thir said act had recommendit the consideratioun and desyre of the saidis petitiouneris and reassounes to be givin in be theme for that purpose, with the reassounes and argumentis to be proponit be the saidis magistrattis of the burgh of Dundye against the desyre of the said petitioun, to this present conventioun, and had ordanit them to report the expediencie and conveniencie of the said petitioun to theme vppone the first Thursday efter the dissolving of the said conventioun, as at mair lenth is contenit in the said act daittit at Halyrud Hous the fyftein day of Apryle last; lyik as also the saids commissioners producit the petitioun then presented be theme to the saids lordis contening thair reassounes in the contrare thair of, togither with ane petitioun of the present commissioneris subscryuit be the magistrattis, counsall, and deykins of craftis of the said burgh, contening the reassounes against the samin; and lyikwayes compeirit Johne Mylne, in name of the saids craftis petitioneris foresaid, and with him maister Hendrie Kinros, and presented ane supplicatioun to the saids borrowis anent the said mater, and the

Dundie, mea-
sons, wrichts,
report, comis-
sione, missive.

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Dundie, mea-
sons, wrichts,
report, com-
missione, mis-
sive.

saidis commissioneris haiving causit red the saids petitiounes in presens of both pairties, and haiveing hard the ansuers maid be the said maister Hendrie in name foresaid to the objectiounes maid be the commissioner of the burgh of Dundye and contenit in his supplicatioun against the saidis craftismen desyre, with the argumentis vsit be the said maister Hendrie for enforcing of the said desyre ; as lyikwayes, haifing informit theme selffes of the vsuall forme obseruit amangs the rest of the whole borrowis in erecting of deacones of the saids craftis amangs theme, and of the expedencie of making ane societie of the saids craftis within the said burgh, haiffing at lenth considerit altogether, they all in ane voice findis and declaires that the saids craftis of maissounes and wrichtis hes not that libertie of cheissing of ane deykin throw the haill borrowis, and that such craftis as hes that libertie amangs anie of theme hes proceidit frome ane grant of the magistrattis and counsall of the burghis quhair they ar, quhairin is continuallie expressed thair haill lawes and ordoures to be keiped by theme anent thair work and thair seill of caus affixit thairto ; as lyikwayes declaires that if the same were granted to the saidis craftis in the said burgh of Dundye it micht not onlie induce sum alteratioun in thair quyet state of governament bot also micht prove preiudiciall to the policie of the said toun, and that the saids craftis notwithstanding of quhatsumeir lawes that could be maid against theme micht mak combinatiounes and quiett pactiones for thair awin proffeit which micht grittumlie imped the commoun policie, they being for the maist pairt people of meane substance, and lyikwayes out of the experience they have of the saids craftis quhair they have the said libertie declaires that for these and vtheris respectes it is nowayes convenient nor expedient for the weill publict that the saids craftis sould have the libertie of cheissing of ane deykin within the said toun of Dundye nor powar to conveyne at anie tyme togither ; and ordanis the commissioneris that ar appointed to meitt at Edinburgh the fourtein of this instant to deliuer this thair opinioun and judgement in the said mater to the saids lordis of his Maiesties most honorabill privie counsell.

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Galloway,
Kirkcud-
bricht, missive.

48. Anent the supplicatioun given in be (*blank*) Gordoun of Erles-
toun, desyring the toun sum tyme callit Saint Johannes Clachin and

now callit the burgh of Galloway, laitlie erected be his Maiestie in ane frie burgh royall, to be enrollit amangst the rest of his Maiesties frie royall borrowis, compeirit the commissioner of the borrow of Kirkcudbright and alledgit the same wes contenit within the boundes grantit be his Maiesties predecessouris to thair burgh of before, and the same vald proove verie preiudiciall to thair burgh, thairfore the saids commissioneris continewis the said questioun to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis, and ordanis the said burgh of Kirkcudbright to send thair commissioner sufficientlie instructed to the nixt generall conventioun in the said mater with all richtis and securities neidfull for staying of the same if ony they have; as also ordanis the said (*blank*) Gordoun, or anie vther quhome the said burgh sall send, to cum sufficientlie instructed with ample commissioun in the said mater frome the proveist, baillies, counsall, and communitie of the said burgh, for thair vndergoeing of the commoun burdein with the remanent borrowis, according to thair powar, if thai salbe enrollit, as they salbe taxed be theme, and for governing of thair burgh conforme to the actes of parliament and actes of borrowis; and that ilk burgh send thair commissioner sufficientlie instructed for this effect to the said nixt generall conventioun vnder the payne of xx li.

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Galloway,
Kirkcud-
bright, missive.

49. Ordained the agent to pay to the clerk of Culrose £20 for directing the missives this year. Agent, clerk of Culrose.
50. The disbursements of the agent, extending with interest to £480 Scots, ordained to be paid by the burghs, conform to the extent roll. Agent, compts, missive.
51. The commissioners remitted to the burghs appointed to meet on 14th inst. to consider the charges of Edinburgh for their sending "ane commissioner to his Maiestie in the mater of the erectioun of the burgh of Stornway and admirallitie." Edinburgh, charges, missive.
52. Alexander Aikenheid, agent, granted the receipt of all sunus payable under the missive, and discharged the burghs. Agent, discharge.
53. The commissioners dissolved the present convention, and appointed the next general convention to be held at Jedburgh, beginning on 6th July next. Nixt convention.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Johnne Sinclair, Andro Scott; Dundye, Johnne Ramsay; Abirdein, Thomas Colinstoun; Stirling, Johnne Cowane; Lynlithgow, Commission-
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Andro Bell ; Glasgow, James Stewart ; Aire, Johnne Osburne, younger ; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne ; Bruntyland, Williame Meiklejohnne ; Kircaldie, Johnne Williamesoun ; Anstruther Eister, Thomas Mertein ; Irwing, James Scott ; Montrose, Johnne Taelyeour ; Dumbar, George Purves ; Jedburgh, Maister Johnne Rutherfordird ; Dumfreis, Robert Richardsoun ; Wigtoun, Williame Dumbar.

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Moderator.

1. Johnne Sinclare, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

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Commissione,
Hay, Storn-
way, conser-
vatorie, admir-
alitie, penall
statuts, etc.,
missive,

2 [As authorised by the 30th act of last general convention, the commissioners appointed Mr John Hay, common clerk of Edinburgh, with] full powar and commissioun for theme and in name and behalff of the remanent whole frie borrowis of this realme, to pas to his Maiestie for begging his gracious ayde in this mater for thair releiff, and frieing of theme and this cuntrey of the saids Hollanderis, quhairby they may friely mak vse of the said fisching as they haue doone in anie tymes of before, and for recalling of the patent grauntit to the Erle of Seaforth anent the erectioun of the said burgh of Stornway and opposing of all vther patents to be grauntit vnto him or anie vther in these pairtis, and siclyik grauntis vnto the said maister Johnne thair full powar and commissioun to deale with his Maiestie in the materis of the conservatorie, admiraltie, penall statuttis, and all vther matters concerning the borrowis or that may concerne theme, and for frieing of theme of that vniust aspersion for exacting uniustlie of thair nichtboures ane gritter taxatioun then hes bein payit be theme to his Maiestie, and ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to deburse such soumes of money to the said maister Johnne Hay for his chairges . . . [And farther,] the present commissioneris hes appointit ane vther particular conventioun of borrowis to be and begin at this burgh the aucht of September nixt with continuatioun of dayes, and ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to requyre the haill borrowis that ar appointit be the generall conventioun for keiping of the said particular meitting to send thair commissioneris to the said burgh the dayforesaid sufficientlie instructit in the said mater, and becaus it is necessar that quhatsoever

favour the said maister Johnne sall obtain for theme that the samin be prosecuted thair alsweill as at home, and that sum persoun or persounes resyid thair for preventing of all farder hurtis that may cum to this estaitt so long as they sall think expedient, and that he be in reddines to goe vp to his Maiestie before the said maister Johnne tak journey homevard vpone advertisement to be maid be the said maister Johnne to the burgh of Edinburgh, thairfore ordanis the saidis burghis to be requyrit to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructit for choosing of such persoun or persounes as they sall think neidfull for that effect, and for defraying of thair chairges ; and ordanis the saids burghis and burgh of Edinburgh and the said maister Johnne Hay to mak report of thair diligences of thair seuerall proceedings in the materis abonewrittin to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

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Commissione,
Hay, Storn-
way, conser-
vatorie, admir-
altie, penall
statuts, etc.,
missive.

3. The saidis commissioneris of borrowis haifing considerit and advysed anent that mater of the chainge of thair staiple frome the port of Campheir quhair presentlie the samin is, with the letteris direct frome his Maiestie and his Excellence to the commissioneris of borrowis conveynit at Culros the nynt of this instant, conforme to the commissioun givin to theme be the said last conventioun, as at mair lenth is conteynit in the 25 act thairof, they ordaine maister Johnne Hay, present commissioner for theme to his Maiestie, to lay oppin thair iust motives enforcing theme to transport the same frome the said plaice according to the instructiounes to be givin to him theranent, and if that his Maiestie desyre that the said staiple salbe continewit at the said toun of Campheir that he in thair names intreat his Maiestie for his recommendatioun to his Excellence in the said toun for obteneing of als guid conditiounes frome the said toun as they micht haue in anie vther plaice, and for ther better obseruance of the contract alreadie past betuixt the saids borrowis and theme ; which being obteynit ordanis the said maister Johnne to send the samin to the said burgh of Edinburgh to be sent be theme to his Excellence and toun foresaid ; as lyikwayes, ordanis the said burgh of Edinburgh to draw vp ane ansuer to his Excellence lettre schawing lyikwayes the motives mooving the said chainge and neglect of the magistrattis of the said toun in performance of thair pairt of the said contract, and if it pleis his Excellence if they at his desyre continew the staiple at his said toun of Campheir that he vald caus theme give better conditiounes, as lyikwayes keip thair

Stapell, Hay,
Edinburgh,
missive.

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Edinburgh,
missive.

pairt of the said contract better than they haue doone; and ordanis thair generall clerk to subscribe the samin in thair names, quhairanent thir presentis salbe his warrand; and the said burgh to sett down the particular failies committit be the said toun of Campheir together with quhat thai desyre to be amendit in tymes cuming, and to send the samin with his Maiesties letter and thair owne to the conservatour to be presented to his Excellence and the said toun, and ordanis the said conseruatour to deale with his Excellence and toun foresaid for better obtening thair desyre conforme to the saids articles; and the said burgh, maister Johnne Hay, and the said conseruatour to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Plaiding,
yairne, bark-
ing, victuall,
missive.

4. Anent the matters mentioned in the 7th, 8th, and 18th acts of last general convention, the commissioners, "not finding anie opportunitie for helping thair of at this tyme," ordained each burgh to send their commissioners sufficiently instructed to next general convention. They also ordained the burgh of Abirdein to require the heritors of the fairs of St Laurence, St Bartell, and St Serff to discharge the sellers of plaiding from presenting the same to the market "rolled vp as thai vse, bot present the samin onlie trinchid and layed in plyes and folds."

17 July 1629.

Drummond,
comptis.

5. The commissioners examined the accounts of David Drummond, collector of the impost for the minister's stipend at Campheir, from 21st August 1626 to 26th July 1628, and found the charge to extend to £214, 16s. 8d., and the discharge to the same sum.

Conservator,
agents,
complents.

6. Anent the articles presentit be the agent and complaints therin mentionat against the conservatour, and they haiffing hard the said conservatour his ansueris thairto at lenth, efter advysing with the same they continew the deliverance of thair sentence in the said mater till ane vther occasioun, and ordanis the conservatour vpon lauffull warning to be present.

Commissione,
Hay, under-
taking of the
fishing, Edin-
burgh, missive.

7. The saids commissioneris haiffing giving commissioun to maister Johnne Hay for passing to his Maiestie in the mater of the burgh of Stornway for opposing against the same, and considering that [it] is necessar that the fishing in these partis together with the planting of ane toun thair be vndertaking be the borrowis, for the which caus they

haif appointed ane vther conventioun to be vpone the aucht of September nixt, conforme to ane vther act of this present conventioun, thairfore they ordaine the said maister Johnne to mak offer to his Maiestie of thair vnder-taking of the said fisching and plantatioun according to thair powar and according to the particularis to be condiscendit vpone heirefter in the nixt particular conventioun, and ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to give the said maister Johnne his instructiounes in the haill particulars contenit in his commissioun.

EDINBURGH.
17 July 1629.
Commissione,
Hay, under-
taking of the
fisching, Edin-
burgh, missive.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Johnne Sincler, Andro Scott; Dundye, Thomas David-soun; Abirdein, Thomas Nicolsoun; Stirling, Johnne Cowane; Lynlyth-gow, Andro Bell; Sanctandros, Johnne Lepar; Glasgow, James Stewart elder; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne; Kirkcaldye, Johnne Williamesoun; Montrose, Johnne Taelyeour; Bruntyland, Williame Meiklejohnne; Anstruther Eister, Johnne Clepane; Craill, Johnne Mackesone; Kinghorne, Walter Duncane; Coupur, David Andersoun; Anstruther Wester, Williame Dairsie; Jedburgh, Maister Johnne Rutherfurd; Perth, Aire, and Dysart (*blank*).

EDINBURGH.
8 Sept. 1629.
Commission-
ers.

8 September 1629.

1. Johnne Sincler, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator. Moderator.

10 September 1629.

2. The commissioneris of borrowis beand conveynit, haiving at lenth deliberat anent the vndertaking of the plantatioun of the burgh of Stornway in the Yle of the Lewes, and anent the maner of the improving of the fischeing of this cuntrey, and finding that the same is ane mater of gritt wecht, and that all that wilbe incident in the said mater cannot at this present without farder advyse of thair burghis be weil resolved at this tyme, and so mutche the more that they have had no particular informatioun frome maister Johnne Hay, thair commissioner, thairfore they haue thocht guid to continew the said mater to the nixt conven-

Commission,
Edinburgh.
Stornuay,
fischeing, mis-
sive.

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8 Sept. 1629.

Commission,
Edinburgh.
Stornuay,
fisching, mis-
sive.

tioun, and ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh immediately efter thai sall gett more intelligence frome thair said commissioner to conveyne the haill borrowis that wer appointed be the said last generall conventioun for this purpose with all expeditioun, and to requyre theme to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructed with ample commissioun in the said maters for concluding of all thinges that salbe thocht meittest thairin be the maist pairt of the borrowis convenand and prosecuting thair of conforme as is appointed in the [30] act of the last generall conventioun, ilk burgh vnder the payne of tuentie pundis.

Sutie, conser-
vator.

3. George Suittie having complained that three persons who arrived at the port of Campheir with their ships on the last day of July had refused to pay dues to him, the commissioners instructed the conservator to cause the factors who intromitted with the goods to make payment.

5000 merks,
Edinburgh,
missive.

4. The commissioners found the "soums of money debursed be the burgh of Edinburgh to thair commissioner sent to his Maiestie be theme at thair directioun in certane thair commoun effaires in the moneth of Julij 1628 yeires," to extend to 5000 merks, and with the "proffeit" thereof to 6000 merks. This sum the commissioners ordained the burghs to pay at next general convention conform to the tax roll.

Overtures,
Stornuay,
fisching, Edin-
burgh, missive.

5. Forsameikle as the present commissioneris haiveing so far as they [can] for the present went on in the mater of the plantatioun of Stornway and improoving of the fischeing, and haiveing sett downe ane minut of sutch thinges as they could for the present condiscend to be necessar thairin, and that thair ar sindrie thinges yit restand which without farder informatioun cannot be condiscendit vpone, and thairfore hes continewit the same to the nixt conventioun; and becaus that it is necessar that maister Johnne Hay, thair commissioner, be informit of these thingis condiscendit vpone, thairfore ordanis the toun of Edinburgh to reveise the said minute and to caus the same be putt in forme, and to send the same to maister Johnne Hay with all expeditioun, and ordanis ane letter to be direct to the said maister Johnne to prosecut the said mater conforme to the saids articles, with powar to him to extend and impair the same as he sall think meittest for the weill of the borrowis, and ordanis thair clerk to subscribe the same, quhairanent thir presentis salbe his warrand; and to desyre him to acquaint with diligence the burgh of Edinburgh with his proceedings that thairefter the remanent

borrowis maybe advertised for making ane finall conclusioun in the said mater; and lyikwayes ordanis to writt to the said maister Johnne anent the penall statuttis, and to recommend the same to his cair and diligence with all vther thinges contenit in his commissioun givin to him; and ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

6. The commissioners unlawed the burghs of Perth and Dysart in £20 each for being absent from this convention.

EDINBURGH.
10 September
1629.

Overtures,
Stornuay,
fisching, Edin-
burgh, missive.

Perth, Dysart
unlaid, mis-
sive.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
21 January
1630.

Edinburgh, Johnne Sinclare, Laurence Cokburne; Perth, Andro Gray; Dundye, Thomas Halyburnetoun; Abirdein, Maister Alexander Japhray; Stirling, Johnne Cowane; Lynlithgow, Williame Hamiltoun; Sanctandros, Johnne Arnote; Glasgow, Gabriell Cuninghame; Aire, Johnne Osburne; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne; Dysart, Alexander Simpsoun; Kirkcaldie, Williame Tennent; Muntros, Patrik Lichtoun; Bruntlyland, William Meiklejohnne; Anstruther Eister, Thomas Mairtein; Craill, Johnne Mackesoun; Kinghorne, Maister Robert Cuninghame; Anstruther Wester produced ane missive ratifieing the proceidingis in the conventioun; Couper (*blank*).

Commission-
ers.

21 January 1630.

1. Johnne Sinclair, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator. Moderator.

27 January 1630.

2. The commissioneris of borrowis beand conveynit, and haiving res-saut ane lettre frome these of the natioun resident at thair staiple port in the toun of Campheir, regraitting the want of ane pastour for serving of the cure of the kirk thair, and deploring thair hard estait throw laik of that grit comfort they formerlie injoyed of the benefeit of the word of God, and quhairof thai ar now depyvit and euir hes bein since the deceis of vmquhill maister Johnne Forrett, thair late pastour; with the quhilk lettre the saids commissioneris beand advysit, and finding it neces-

Presentatio,
Spang, Cam-
pheir, missive.

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21 January
1630.

Presentatio,
Spang, Camp-
pheir, missive.

sar that the said kirk sould be plantit with ane sufficient and qualifiet persone, and that the said plaice of the ministrie thair sould no longer vaik now vacand in thair handis and at thair presentatioun be deceis of the said vmquhill maister Johnne, to the end that both the residenters thair and those of the natioun resorting thither sould no longer be disappointit of that comfort of ane ordiner pastour for teaching of the word of God and exerceing of all vther functiounes belonging to ane minister ; and vnderstanding of the literature, qualificatioun, and abilitie of maister Williame Spang, student in divinitie, for supplieing of the said plaice now vacand in thair handis be deceis of the said maister Johnne Forrett as saidis ; thairfore they haue elected, nominatted, and presentit, lyik as they be thir presentes electes, nominattis, and presentis the said maister Williame to the said vacand plaice of the said kirk at Campheir, and ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh, Stirling, Linlithgow, Glasgow and Hadingtoun to deale with the richt reverend father in God the Archiebischop of Sanct Androes for ressaiving and admitting of the said maister Williame to the said vacand plaice and instituting of him thairin ; to the which borrowis the saids commissioneris give thair full powar and commissioun for theme and in thair names and in name and behalf of the haill flock and congregatioun of thair said kirk of Campheir at sutch tyme and plaice to ressaive the said maister William as the said Archiebischop sall apoint and as thai salbe requyrit be the burgh of Edinburgh ; as lyikwayes ordanis the said burgh of Edinburgh efter the said maister Williame salbe institut in the said plaice to signifie the same to the conservatour and factouris at the said toun of Campheir and to recommend him in thair names to thair cair ; and the said burgh and burghis to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive, and ordanis ane presentatioun to be exped to him in mair ample forme and thair clerk to subscriye the samin, quhairanent thir presentis salbe his warrand.

Contract, bor-
roues, Spang.

3. Foresameikle as the saids commissioneris hes presentit maister Williame Spang, student in divinitie, to the vacand plaice of the ministrie of Campheir now vacand in thair handis and at thair presentatioun be deceis of vmquhill maister Johnne Forrett, late minister at the said toun, thairfore they haue agriet with the said maister Williame in maner efter following, viz., that the said maister Williame sall deulie

and ordourlie serue the cure of the said kirk at thair said staiple of Campheir, or quhair it salhappin theme to affix thair said staiple in anie tyme cuming, in all ministeriall functiones, sic as preiching of the word of God at the vsuall tymes as the samin hes bein taucht thair of before, administratting of the sacraments and vsing all vther thinges competent to anie pastour within this kingdome, and sall at na tyme absent him selff frome the said cure but sall diligentlie and cairfullie attend the samin at all tymes ; and to this effect the said maister Williame bindis and obleissis him to repair to the said toun of Campheir betuixt and the first day of Julij nixt. For the whitche caus the saids commissioneris of borrowis hes apointed and agriet with him for his ordinarie stipend for the soume of aucht hundreth guidlings vsuall money of the Low Cuntreyis, which the said commissioneris for themeselffes, and in name and behalf of the haill remanent borrowes of this kingdome, bindis and obleissis theme and thair successouris to content and pay to the said maister Williame during his seruice at the said kirk the said soume of aucht hundreth guidlings money foresaid at four termes in the yeir, Lambes, Alhallowmes, Candlemes and Beltan, to be payit furth of the impost grantit and apointed for defraying of the said ministers stipend, and obleissis theme to caus the collectour of the said impost thankfullie ansuer the said maister Williame thairof at the termes abonespecifiet, beginnand the first termes payment thairof at Lambes nixt ; and in caice it salbe fund that the present impost laid vpone the guides of the merchandes, skippers, and factouris, and shippis coming to the said staiple port sall not be sufficient for defraying of his said stipend, then and in that caice they obleis theme selffes and thair saids burghis to impose ane gritter custome and dewtye thervpone which may be sufficient for payment thairof, or to find out sum vther meanes quhairby the said stipend may be payit to him, and apointes for his present duelling hous the hous agreit vpone be the toun of Campheir for thair minister, conforme to the contract past betuixt the saids commissioneris of borrowis and the commissioneris for his excellence and the said toun of Campheir, of the dait at Campheir the 19 of Nouember 1612, with all immunities and priueledges injoyit be the factouris thair ; and ordanis thair collectouris present and to cum to ansuer him thankfullie of his said stipend, and to this effect ordanis ane letter to be direct to the said collectour for

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Contract, borrowes, Spang.

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Contract, bor-
roues, Spang.

ansuering him of his said stipend in maner abonewrittin, and ane vther lettre to be direct be the conseruatour for sieing him plantit in the said plaice and concurring and assisting with him in all thinges concerning the said kirk and ecclesiasticall discipline thairat; lyik as also the saids commissioneris grantes and gives to the said maister Williame the soume of tuentie pundis Fleyms for making of his chairges in transportatioun to the said kirk, and ordanis thair collectour to mak payment to him of the samyn thair, and the same salbe allowit to him in his compts; and the said maister Williame, compeirit, in takin of his acceptatioun of the cure of the said kirk and of his stipend abonewrittin for the samyn with provisioun of the hous abonewrittin, hes with the commissioners foresaid subscriuit this present act, day, moneth and yeir of God abone specifiet; and ordanis ane vther lettre to be direct to the magistrattis of the said toun of Campheir for giving of the said hous to him, and ordanis thair clerk to subscribe the samyn.

Ramsay v^c
gudlings.

4. Forsameikle as the commissioneris of borrowis vnderstanding of the hard and indigent estait of Helene Ramsay, relict of vmquhill maister Johnne Forret, late minister at the staiple port of the kirk of Campheir, throw deceis of hir said vmquhill husband, being left verie indigent with the burdein of manie poore childrein, thairfore they out of thair love and affectioun and of meir gratuitie hes grantit and givin, and be thir presentis grantis and givis for hir help, the soume of fyve hundreth guidlings Fleyms money, to be payit furth of the reddiest of the impost grauntit for defraying of the ministers stipend at thair said staiple port of Campheir.

Commissione
Hay, Stornway.

5. [Referring to the commission given to John Hay on 16th July last] the said Maister Johnne, now returning, producit ane missive lettere direct to the lordis of his Maiesties most honorabill privie counsall, willing theme to dischairge the lordis of exchekquer frome passing of the said signature grauntit to the said Erle of Seaforth, and requiring the saids borrowis by thair commissioner and the said Erle to repair to his Maiestie vpone the first day of Marche nixt for decyding of the said questioun betuixt theme, as the said lettre in it selff at mair lenth proportis; and the saids commissioneris considering the grit importance of that mater, and how far it does and may concerne both thair utter ruine and perpetuall floorischeing, thairfore they haue thocht guid by

thair commissioner to acquaint his Maiestie how far the same does concerne thair estait in particular and this whole kingdome, and to this effect hes nominatted, elected, and chosen the said maister Johnne Hay, lyik as be thir presentis electes, nominattis, and cheissis the said maister Johnne commissioner for theme and the haill remanent borrowis of this realme to pas to his Maiestie in the said mater, and to lay open thair infinit losse giff the said patent sall aniewayes tak effect, and for dealling with his Maiestie for ane absolute dischairge thair of and prohibition to the said Erle for inbringing of anie straingers or suffering anie strangeris to resort in the saids plaices, conforme to the lawes of this cuntrey, quhairby the natives of this land may enjoy the sole and onlie benefeit of that opulent trade of fischeing (which God and nature hes vouchsafed vpon them,) geivand, grantand and committand to the said maister Johnne thair full powar and commissioun for theme and in thair names to deale with his Maiestie in the saids maters and for obteneing the whole fischeing to be devolued in thair handis, with powar to him to vse all meanes for effectuatting of thair said desyre and for debarring of straingers frome participatting thair of in anie tyme cuming, conforme to the instructiounes and iniunctiounes to be givin to him theranent.

[The commissioners also gave power to the burgh of Edinburgh, with the present commissioners of Stirling and Linlithgow, to set down such instructions to their representative in the several matters committed to him as they should think expedient, and ordained the burgh of Edinburgh to pay such sums of money as might be required, the burghs being bound to repay the same with interest.]

6. Anent the 3rd act of the particular convention held on 16th July last, Edinburgh, Johnne Hay appeared and stated "he had obtenit of his Majestie ane lettere to his Excellence thereanent quhilk he presentlie delyverit." The commissioners ordained the burgh of Edinburgh to forward the letter and to prosecute the matter farther in terms of the remit contained in the act above mentioned.

7. The commissioners unlawed the burgh of Coupar in £20 for being absent from this convention.

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27 January
1630.
Commissione
Hay, Stornway.

Coupar un-
layed, missive.

JEDBURGH.
6 July 1630.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at JEDBURGH.*

Commis-
sioners.

Edinburgh, Johnne Sinclair, Laurence Cokburne; Perth, Andro Gray; Dundye, Johnne Ramsay; Abirdein, Andro Meldrum; Stirling, Johnne Cowane; Lynlithgow, Williame Bell; Sanctandrees, Williame Geddie; Glasgow, Gabriell Cuninghame; Aire, Williame Cuninghame; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne; Dysart, Maister David Kinghorne; Kirkcaldye, Johnne Williamesoun; Montrois, Patrik Lichtoun; Coupar, David Jamesoun; Anstruther Eister, Andro Walker; Dumfreis, Johnne Irrwing; Bruntlyland, Williame Meiklejohnne; Innerkeithing, Harie Kinglassie; Kinghorne, Maister Robert Cuninghame; Irrwing, Alexander Cuninghame; Jedburgh, Alexander Kirktoun, Johnne Penman; Kirkcudbright, Johnne Ewart; Wigtoun, Thomas Makgie; Dumfermeling, Patrik Coupar; Selkirk, Williame Elliott; Dumbar, George Purves; Lanerick, Gedione Jack; Elgyne, Maister Johnne Hay; Peibles, James Williamesoun; Craill, Patrik Hunter; Culros, Maister Eduard Blair; Whithorne, Hew Wallace; Rothesay, Mathow Spens; Forres, Williame Kinnaird; Sanquhare, Hew Dick; Innernes, be exemptioun and ratificatioun producit be agent; Brichen, [the same] be Munros; Dumbartane and Ramfrew, [the same] be Glasgow; Abirbrothok, [the same] be Dundye; Thayne, [the same] be agent; Northberuick, [the same] be Haddingtoun; Kilranie, [the same] be Anstruther Eister; Annand, [the same] be Dumfreis; Anstruther Wester, ratificatioun producit be Anstruther Eister; Forfar, [the same] be Dundye; Nairne, [the same] be agent; Rutherglen, [the same] be Glasgow; Culane, [the same] be agent; Lauder, [the same] be Alexander Wilkesoun; Pettinweyme, Bamff and Lockmavin (*blank*).

6 July 1630.

Citatioun.
Moderator.
Hours of
meiting.

1. The commissioners of Jedburgh verified the citation of the burghs.
 2. Alexander Kirktoun, first in commission for Jedburgh, elected moderator.
 3. Hours of meeting appointed to be from nine till twelve and from two till six.
- Regulations as to attendance and voting same as at last general convention.

4. The commissioners, as of before, ordained each burgh to produce to next general convention "mair exact diligence in restrayning thair outland burgessis, forestalleris, regraitteris, sailleris without ticketts, and vnfriemen vsurping thair liberties." JEDBURGH.
6 July 1630.
Outland bur-
gessis, unfrie-
men, fore-
stallers, mis-
sive.
Yairne, reill,
weght, missive.
5. Ordained the burghs to put the acts to execution for reforming of the abuses mentioned in the 8th act of last general convention, and appointed the matter to be remembered in the missives till further reformation is effected.
6. Ordained the burgh of Dumfreis to report to next particular convention the fulfilment of the 5th act of last general convention. Dumfreis, un-
frie tredders,
missive.
7. The commissioners found that the burgh of Wigtoun had conformed to the acts in the election of the magistrates at Michaelmas last. Wigtoun,
magistrats.
8. The burgh of Bamff having failed to produce the form of their election and a rental, as required by the 14th act of last general convention, the commissioners unlawed the burgh in £20, and ordained the same to be produced at next general convention. Bamff unlayed,
magistrats,
common good,
missive.

7 July 1630.

9. The commissioneris of borrowis beand convenit anent the hurt sustenit be the whole tredders to Fraunce in defalt of the factouris thair, who not contenting theme selffes with thair office of factorie does buy to thair awin vse all kynd of merchandice to the defraud of the haill merchandis, and at the fitting of thair comptes makkis sutch rebaittes as they pleis and makkis payment in sutch spaices of coyne as they think good, at lenth mentionat in former actes maid theranent, with the which abussis and sindrie vtheris committit be the saids factouris, the saids commissioneris being advysit, and considdering of the best remedies thairof, they haue thoct fitt and expedient and statut and ordanit that all factouris to be plaiced in Fraunce salbe dischairged and be thir presentis dischairges theme of all buyeing of anie commodities cuming frome this cuntrey to thair awin behoofe, and that they mak no rebaittes as in tyme bypast at thair pleasoure bot sutch as they salbe compellit to doe in defalt of the merchand, and that they mak thankfull payment to thair merchandis in the best spaices they can and sall vndergoe the haesert in the sell of thair guides; for effectuatting quhairof the saids borrowis hes thoct fitt and expedient that none residents in Fraunce be employed to be factours ather in thair office of factorie or advyse or vtherwayes bot sutch as the commissioneris of borrows sall appoint and sall haive warrand frome theme Factors in
France, mis-
sive.

JEDBURGH.
7 July 1630.

Factors in
France, mis-
sive.

for exercising the said office, as lyikwayes that none salbe admitted to the said plaice bot sutch as ar vnmariet and ar abill and will find caution for their intromissioun and making of iust compt, reckning, and payment to thair merchandis that imployes theme and thankfull dischairge of thair office and vndergoeing of the former conditiounes, and all vtheris to be prescryvit to theme be the commissioneris of the borrowis in thair generall or particular conventiounes, and will ansuer to theme vpone lauffull aduertisement of quhat they will lay to thair chairge; and becaus this cannot tak present effect, thairfore they ordaine the same to begin at Michaelmes j^m vj^c threttie ane yeires, and that ilk commissioner intimat to thair burghis at thair home cuming the restraint estaiblished in favoures of the saidis factouris to be appointed be the saidis commissioneris that none of thair inhabitantis efter the said day imploy anie vther vnder sutch paines as the borrowis sall appoint, as lyikwayes that they trye out amangs theme sutch as will vndergoe the said office of factorie in the saidis pairtis vpone the provisiounes and conditiounes foresaid and present theme to the commissioneris to be convenit at thair nixt generall conventioun, and ilk burgh to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Jedburgh,
magistrats,
counsell,
agent, missive.

10. Anent the fyftein act of the last general conventioun, compeirit Alexander Kirkcoun, proveist, commissioner of the said burgh, and pro-
ducit the forme of the electioun of thair magistrattis and counsell at Michaelmas last, whairwith the saidis commissioneris beand advysit they dispense for the present with the informalities thair of and ordanis the said burgh at Michaelmes nixt to conforme theme selffis in the electioun of thair magistrattis to the actes of parliament and borrowis, vnder the paine of tua hundreth pundis, and to vse all thair meanes for obviatting quhat may intervein for staying of theme thairin and for debarring anie vther to haue plaice ather in leittes or electioun bot thair counsell new and auld allanerlie, as the vse of vther burghis is; as lyikwayes ordanis thair counsell to consist of the nomber of tuentie ane persounes, quhair of sevin present office men, sevin auld office, four merchandis, and thrie deykinis of craftis, and at ther electioun of thair magistrattis that thair be addit to the said counsell the four merchandis and thrie deacones that was vpone the counsell the yeir preceeding; and ordanis the agent to be present at thair nixt electioun to sie the premissis put to executioun, and

the said burgh to produce the forme of the electioun of thair magis-
trattis and counsall at Michaelmes nixt to the nixt generall conventioun of
borrowis.

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7 July 1630.

Jedburgh,
magistrats,
counsell,
agent, missive.
Perth, unfrie-
men, missive.

11. For obedience of the 17th act of last general convention, the commissioner
of Perth produced two acts of their guild court finding sureties for two of their
non-resident burgesses not usurping the liberties of free burghs. The commis-
sioners, understanding that the two unfreemen have not yet desisted, ordained
the burgh of Perth to take farther proceedings against them.

12. The saidis commissioneris, vnderstanding of the gritt dainger
sustenit be the whole kingdome in the mater of the monopolies, and in
speciall of ane patent of the perle purchased be Robert Buchan, they
remitt the same and the obviatting of all farder to the conventioun to be
appointed at Edinburgh before the conventioun of estaittes, and ordanis
the commissioneris then to be convenit to insist for recalling of the said
patent and obviatting of all vther, to whome they give thair full powar
and commissioun to doe therin as they sall think maist meitt and ex-
pedient for the weill of the borrowis and staying of all granting of mono-
polies in tyme cuming, and the saidis borrowis to report thair diligence
heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Monopolies,
Buchan, par-
ticular con-
ventioun, mix-
sive.

13. Referring to the 24th act of last general convention, the commissioners
ordained the burgh of Dysart to produce to next particular convention their
diligence in charging William Touch to desist from usurping the liberties of free
royal burghs.

Dysart, Touch,
missive.

14. Anent the mater of the fisching and diuerse and sindrie actes maid
theranent, all mentioned in the 27 act of the last generall conventioun of
borrowis, the commissioners recommends the executioun of the saidis
actes anent the fisching and loyell pakking and forme of barrell prescryvit,
and provisioun for the fisching, and all vther actes maid theranent, to the
magistrattis of the burghs quhome the same does concerne, and ordanis
ilk commissioner present to intimat the same of new againe to thair
burgh at thair homecuming that guid ordour mak be keipit in the
fisching.

Fisching.

15. For obedience of the 28th act of last general convention, the commissioner
of Innerkeithing produced the form of election at Michaelmas last which being
considered the commissioners was accepted for diligence.

Inerkithing,
magistrats.

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7 July 1630.

Commissione,
stapell, Cam-
pheir, con-
servator, mis-
sive.

16. Anent the mater of the chainge of the staiple mentioned in the 25 act of the last generall conventioun of borrowis baldin at the burgh of Culros the aucht day of Julij last, compeirit the commissioners of the burgh of Edinburgh and reported how far the commissioners of borrowis in thair particular conventiounes had proceidit, and how at thair desyre they had sent over to the conservatour the lettre purchased be maister Johnne Hay theranent, as lyikwayes compeirit David Peibles and producit ane letter frome the said conseruatour declairing how far he had proceidit both with his Excellence as also with the magistrattis of the said toun; with which reportis the present commissioners being advysit, and finding that notwithstanding of quhat hes bein lawbourit for obteneing of better conditiounes from the said toun more then they presentlie enjoy, and for mooving of theme to haue keipit the contract past betuixt the borrowis and theme, yit they haue maid bot small advantage of all, to the gritt hurt of the whole tredders in these plaices, thairfore they haue thocht guid that the said toun sall yit be requyrit for granting of new conditiounes and more sure warrandis for keiping of quhat they promeis, and if that they sall think the remanyning of this natioun with theme to be necessar for the guid of thair toun that they vald direct soume of thair nomber to this cuntrey authorized with full powar and commissioun frome his Excellence, estaittes, and theme selffis, for agrieing with sutch as the borrowis sall appoint for theme, vpon advertisement to be maid be theme to the burgh of Edinburgh quhome in that caice they ordaine to convey the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundye, Abirdein, Stirling, Lynlithgow, Sanct Androes, Glasgow, Haddingtoun, Aire, Bruntyland, Kirkcaldie, Munros, Dysart, and Dumfreis for treatting with the commissioneris of the said toun, and to quhome the present commissioneris gives thair full powar and commissioun to doe quhatsumeir they sall think best expedient for the weill of the borrowis and merchand tredders in these plaices, and ordanis thair generall clerk in thair names to wryte ane letter to this effect to the said toun and to subscribe the same; wheranent thir presentis salbe his warrand; as lyikwayes to writt to the conservatour for dealing with the said toun and reporting of thair ansuer heiranent; and ordanis the saids borrowis to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

17. Anent the threttie-ane act of the last generall conventioun . . . the saids commissioners ordanis the said conservator to put the said act, as the samin is conceaved, to executioun, and that without farder delay he convey before him the whole remanent factouris that hes not givin obedience, and assigne to theme the feist of Michaelmes nixt, with certificatioun to sutch as does not present thair bookes to be merkit conforme to the tennour of the said act instantlie, in ane court to be haldin immediatlie, to be depyvit; and siclyik the saids commissioneris declaires that the act maid of before anent factoures wyiffes be putt to executioun conforme to the tennour thairof, and becaus they vnderstand that the whole factouris hes fund cautioun before theme for obtemperatting the tennouris of the saids actes, thairfore ordanis the conseruatour to renew the intimatioun of the same to theme, and sutch as will not within tuo moneth efter the intimatioun fulfill the same that the said conseruatour depyryve theme of thair office of factorie and of all benefeit of the natioun, and ordanis ane lettre to be direct in thair names be the conseruatour heiranent, and thair generall clerk to subscriye the same, and the said conseruatour to report his diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

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7 July 1630.
Conservator,
factors books,
missive.

18. James Weir not having been readmitted to his office of factory as Conservator, required by the [32nd] act of last general convention, the commissioners again Weir. ordained the conservator to admit him.

19. [The commissioner of Edinburgh reported the proceedings contained in the 5th and 6th acts of the particular convention held at Edinburgh on 17th July last;] and lyikwayes being surmysed that thair wes gritter deutyex exactit be the said conservatour nor was dew vnto him, and especiallie vpone these quho cummes over at thair first voyagis, lyikwayes for holding of courts, thairfore ordanis ane letter to be written to him in thair names schewing that notwithstanding of the former complaintis against him, and that he is desyrous of augmentatioun, yit they ar informit that he exceids his warrand in the vplifting of his dewes, and thairfore to desyre him as he expectes anie benefeit frome theme and as they find him verie willing in all vther thair imployments, so to carye him selff that none haue iust caus of complent against him, and in so doeing he may build vpone thair favour and guid will, and ordanis thair

Conservator,
dewties, mis-
sive.

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Conservatour,
dewties, mis-
sive.

generall clerk to subscribe the samin in thair names, whairanent thir presentis salbe his warrand; as lyikwayes ordanis the burghis that salbe appointed to meitt at Edinburgh before the conventioun of estaittes to tak ane view of the conseruatour his dewties and mak ane taible thair of to be direct to him if they sall think it requisite, and the saidis borrowis to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Commissione,
plaiding, le-
ther, Inernes,
levetenandrie,
missive.

20. The commissioners remitted to the particular convention appointed to meet at Edinburgh before the convention of estates the matters referred to in the 7th, 16th, and 18th acts of last general conventionn, "as lyikwayes remittis to thair consideratioun the mater of leveteinendrie and patents purchased theranent, and especiallie that of the Erle of Murrays quhairby the toun of Innernes hes bein almost ruinatted, and ordanis theme to vse all meanes for redress of the bygane hurtis and obviating of all furdre inconvenients that may occure by sutchlyik patents and commissiounes in tyme cuming."

8 July 1630.

Factors, mis-
sive.

21. The commissioneris of borrowis, beand conveynit, forsameikle as it being schewin vnto theme the grit hurt the natioun does suffer through occasioun of the factoures abroad who haiveing thair meanes and educatioun frome the merchandis of this cuntrey yit proves so vnthankfull that they becum altogidder negligent of all deutye ather to thair native cuntrey or merchandis that hes employed theme, and by maryeing with straingeris becummes altogether alienants and straingeris; and considdering with all the exemple of other kingdomes who does onlie employ thair awin youth abroad, quhairby manie of theme becummes abill and qualifiet for vndergoeing of services for thair cuntrey and becummes steidable memberis of thair awin commoun welth, thairfore they haue thocht guid that the borrowis tak to thair consideratiounes sutch lyik overtoures as may best tend for the weill of thair awin youth, and in speciall that none be heirefter employed at thair staiple port of Campheir or els quhair bot thair awin youth, and that sutch of theme as sall heirefter marie that in that caice thair office of factorie and imployment for the natioun may expyre; and ordanis ilk commissioner present to intimat this present act to thair

burghis at thair home cuming, and ilk burgh to be requyrit for sending thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructed to the nixt generall convention of borrowis for setting doun sum constant law and ordour heiranent.

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Factors, mis-
sive.

22. Remitted to the commissioners appointed to meet on 23d inst. the examination of the accounts of the minister's stipend at Campheir.

Commissione,
Trotter,
compts, mis-
sive.

23. James Eleis bound himself as surety for James Eleis, factor in Campheir, his former cautioner being deceased.

Eleis, factor,
souertie.

24. Ordained the conservator to require Thomas Cunninghame, factor in Campheir, to find a new cautioner in room of his previous one, deceased.

Conservator,
Cunninghame,
missive.

25. The commissioners decerned the burghs of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundee, Dysart, Montrose, Air, and Bruntyland to make payment to George Suittie of certain "soumes restan awand be thair nichtbours" for the impost granted to him.

Decreitt,
Sutie, Edin-
burgh, etc.

26. The commissioners ratified and approved the proceedings of the particular convention in January last, containing the appointment of William Spang as minister at Campheir.

Ratificatiene,
Spang,
minister, Cam-
pheir.

27. The commissioners appointed James Elleis, factor, collector of the minister's stipend at Campheir till August next, and Johnne Burnett, factor, to be collector from 1st August next till 1st August 1631.

Eleis, Burnet,
collectors,
conservator,
missive.

28. Continued till next particular convention the uplifting of the unlaws incurred by the burghs of Perth, Dysart, and Coupar for being absent from conventions.

Perth, etc.,
unlaws.

29. Granted to the burgh of Haddington 600 merks for help to the repair of their decayed harbour of Aberlady.

Haddingtoun,
vj^e merks,
missive.

34* It being regraittit be ane gritt number of the borrowis that thair nichtbouris haiffing to doe with the directour of the chancellarie for raesing of breiffes, they could obteyne nane frome him without caution for retouring of the samin bak againe to the said chancellarie, quhairby they wer heavilie hurt and preiudgit, thairfore thai ordaine the burghis appointit to meitt at Edinburgh before the convention of estaittes ensewing to regraitt the same to the said estaittes and to vse all meanes for obtaining ordour of the said wrong and recalling of the patent grauntit to Sir Johnne Scott for dischairging of passing of infettments within burgh be hesp and staiple as vse hes bein in former tymes, and the saidis borrowis to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall convention of borrowis.

Commissione,
retours,
chancellarie,
missive.

* A leaf of the record containing acts 30, 31, 32, and 33 is wanting.

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8 July 1630.
Selkirk, re-
commenda-
tione, Edin-
burgh.

35. Forsameikle as it being regraittit be the burgh of Selkirk of the wronges susteynit be theme be thair nichtboures in preissing to impare theme of thair liberties and priueleges and commoun landis, quhairby they ar compellit to intend sindrie actiounes of law against thair saidis nichtbouris for maintenance of thair richtis, liberties, and landis foresaid, thairfore the present commissioneris recommends the said burgh of Selkirk to the burgh of Edinburgh, earnestlie intreatting theme to give thair best advyse, assistance, and concurrence to the said burgh in prosecutioun of thair saids actiounes.

Minister at
Campheir.

36. Granted to William Spang, minister at the port of Campheir, "for his farder help and supplie of his chairges in transporting him to the said toun, the soume of threttie pundis Fleyms money."

Exemptionis,
Whithorne,
etc.

37. Granted licence to the burghs of Qubithorne, Forres, Rothesay, Innerkeithing, and Sanquhar to abide from all general conventions for the space of three years on the usual conditions.

9 July 1630.

Commissione,
Stornuay,
missive.

38. The commissioneris of borrowis beand conveynit anent the mater of Stornway and improving of the fisching in the Ylles, mentionat in the seuerall heides of the missiwe, and anent the missiwe letter direct to ane grit number of the borrowis frome the burgh of Edinburgh, desyiring theme to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructed for concluding of that mater and for vndertaking of the said plantatioun and improoving of the said fisching, with ane particular report of quhat number of thair nichtbouris vald vndergoe the same and quhat soumes of money they vald adventure thairto, as at mair lenth is contenit in the said missiwe of the dait at Edinburgh the fyft day of Junij last, the present commissioneris considering how far the said mater does not only import thair estait bot the whole kingdome; and vnderstanding be ane letter direct frome maister Johnne Hay, thair commissioner, that his Maiestie had cancellit the signature grauntit to the Erle of Seafort of erecting of the said burgh in ane frie burgh royall and for inbringing of straingeris, and that the borrowis ar liklie to obteyne the said fischeing deuolued into thair handis, and thairfore it is necessar that sum conclusioun be taikin thairin, thairfore they haue ordanit and be thir presentis ordanis the burghis of Edin-

burgh, Perth, Dundye, Abirdein, Stirling, Linlithgow, Sanct Androes, Glasgow, Aire, Haddingtoun, Munros, Dumfreis, Bruntlyland, Kirkcaldye, Kinghorne, Dysart, Irwing, Craill, and Anstruther Eister, with sutch vther of the borrowis as salhappin to be at Edinburgh befor the conventioun of estaitis appointed to be at the said burgh of Edinburgh the tuentie aucht of this instant, to meitt and conveyin at the said burgh of Edinburgh the 23 of Julij instant with continuatioun of dayes, and thair to treat, reasoun, vott, and conclud anent all sutch thinges as may be incident in the saidis materis, and to lay doun sutch conclusiouns as they sall think best for making some beginning in the saidis maters. . . . And farder for the better furtherance of the saidis materis they ordaine the commissioneris present, with all possible diligence, to trye quhat number of thair nichtbouris will adventure vpon the said plantatioun and fisching, and quhat soumes of money they will imploy thairvpone, and to report the samin to the said particular conventioun.

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Commissione,
Stornuay,
missive.

39. The commissioneris of borrowis beand conveynit, forsameikle as they vnderstanding be the lettre fra maister Johne Hay, thair commissioner, to this present conventioun, that thair is manie particularis to be handlit and concludit at this present ensewing conventioun of estaittes importing the publict of this kingdome, thairfore the saidis commissioneris of borrowis ordanis the haill commissioneris present to conveyin at the said burgh of Edinburgh the tuentie thrid of this instant, and thair to stay till the dissolving of the said conventioun, and to assist with thair presens and advyse in all thinges that sall occure, vnder the payne of tuentie pundis ilk burgh, and lyikwayes ordanis sutch burghis as ar not writtin vnto that with all diligence they procure ane commissioun frome thair burghis for meitting and conveying with the remanent of the estaittes at the said conventioun, and the saids burghis to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Commissione,
burroues, con-
vention of
estaitts, missive.

40. The commissioners unlawed the burghs of Pettinweyme and Anstruther Wester in £20 each for being absent from this convention.

Pittinweyme,
Anstruther
Wester, un-
layes, missive.
Agent, signa-
tures.

41. The commissioneris of borrowis, vnderstanding that diuers signatures does pas to the preiudice of the borrowis, quhairvnto if tymeous oppositioun wer maid the same nicht be stayit and gritt chaigis saivit, for remeid quhair of the saids commissioneris ordanis the agent to deale

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Agent, signatures.

with the keipperis of the signett for schawing vnto him sutch signatures as concernes the erectioun of anie burghis or anie wayis may concerne the borrowis, to the end that he may manieifest the same to the toun of Edinburgh that they in thair names may mak oppositioun in tyme, and ordanis the said agent to give vnto the keiperis of the said signett the soume of (*blank*), and if the mater sall concerne the burghis in generall ordanis the same to be allowit to him in his general comptes, and if anie burgh in particular the same salbe refoundit to him vpone the particular expenssis of the said particular burgh.

Impost, minister at Camphair, Burnet, conservator, missive.

42. The commissioneris of borrowis finding it necessar for the better ingathering of the impost that ane taible be maid contening the particulars of the said impost and send over to the collectours thair of, and to this effect haiffing revisite the same as it is sett down in the seuerall actes of the generall and particular conventiounes maid of before, they find the same to be in maner following, viz., nyne stuires to be payit be the merchand of everie seck of guides pertening to him or be his factour in his name, and thrie stuires be the skipper and awneris of the ship of everie seck arryvand at the said staiple ; item, of everie merchand that sould happin to arryve thair not having ane seck of staiple guides, threttie stuires ilk voyage ; item, of ilk hundreth coalles arryving thair, nyne stuires ; item, of euerie ship laidnit with cornis, sex guidlings, quhair of four to be payit be the merchand and tua be the skipper ; item, of euerie ship arryvand within the Ile albeit frauchtit be ane stranger and cuming from forraine pairtes, ten schillings gritt ; item, of euerie seck of guides that ane factour sould happin to ressaive, ane schilling gritt Fleymes money ; item, of euerie seck of guides arryving at the said port quhairvnto thair is no factour imployit, ane schilling gritt money foresaid to be payit be the merchand by and attour his deues ; as is at mair lenth contenit in the severall actes maid at Edinburgh the 25 of Julij 1612 and at Dumbar the 8 of Julij 1613 ; and thairfore the saides commissioneris ordanis the said impost to be collectit in maner abonewrittin and to begin at Lambes nixt, and ordanis the conservatour to sie the same putt to executioun.

Bamff unlawit.

43. The commissioners unlawed the burgh of Bamff in £20 for not sending their part of the sums contained in the missive.

Discharge, Edinburgh, agent, missive.

44. The commissioners of Edinburgh and the agent, respectively, granted the receipt from the burghs (except Bamff) of the sums of money due to them mentioned in the missive.

45. The commissioners dissolved the present convention and appointed the next general convention to be held at Dysart, beginning on 5th July 1631. JEDBURGH.
9 July 1630.
Next conven-
tione.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
23 July 1630.

Edinburgh, Alexander Clerk, James Guthrie ; Perth, Andro Gray ; Dundye, Thomas Halyburnetoun ; Abirdein, Paull Meinzeis ; Lynlithgow, William Bell ; Stirling, Thomas Bruce ; Sanctandroes, James Watsoun ; Glasgow, Gabriell Cuninghame ; Aire, James Blair ; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne ; Dysart, Maister David Kinghorne ; Kirkcaldie, Johnne Williamesoun ; Muntrois, Patrik Lichtoun ; Coupar, David Andersone ; Anstruther Eister, Thomas Mertoun ; Dumfreis, Johnne Irrwing ; Bruntlyland, William Meiklejohnne ; Innerkeithing, Harie Kinglassie ; Kinghorne, Patrik Wallace ; Irwing, James Scott ; Jedburgh, Alexander Kirktoun ; Kirkcudbright, Williame Makilwraith ; Wigtoun, (*blank*) ; Dumfermeling, Patrik Coupar ; Anstruther Wester, Robert Richardsoun ; Selkirk, Maister Johnne Ker ; Dumbartane, Johnne Sempell ; Craill, Johnne Mackesoun ; Culros, Maister Eduard Blair ; Pibles, James Williamesone ; Pitinweyme, George Kingyow ; Dumbar, George Purves ; Lainrick, Jedeon Jack. Commis-
sioners.

23 July 1630.

1. Alexander Clerk, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator. Moderator.

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2. The agent's accounts having been examined, his disbursements, with interest thereon, were found to extend to 800 merks, and the burghs were ordained to pay that sum conform to the tax roll. Agent, compts
missive.

3. Anent the committe appointed be the generall conventioun of estaittes to treat anent the fisching and articles sent down theranent be his Maiestie, the commissioneris ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to convey the burghis of Perth, Dundye, Abirdein, Stirling, Lynlithgow, Sanct Androes, Glasgow, Aire, Haddingtoun, Muntros, Dumbar, Commissione,
certain bur-
roues, fisch-
ing, missive.

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9 August 1630.

Commissione,
certain bur-
roues, fisch-
ing, missive.

Bruntyland, Kirkcaldie, Dumbarton, Irrwing, Dysart, Anstruthers Eister and Wester, Craill, at thair said burgh the tuentie aucht day of October nixt, and to desyre theme to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed anent the said fisching and articles foresaid, and for gewing instructiounes and informatioun theranent to these appointed for the pairt of the borrowis vpone the said committe, and to keip preceislie the said conventioun, vnder the payne of xx lib. ilk burgh ; as lyikwayes, for the better advancement of the said purpose, ordanis ane copey of the articles following to be sent to eache ane of the saids borrowis, and that they send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed and resolved theranent and in quhat farder they sall think may be incident therin.

First, If any associatioun with England in the fisching be expedient.

Iff the English obeying the lawis of the cuntrey may be suffered to plant in anie pairt of the Illes.

The borrowis vndertaking the fisching if it be expedient that the nobilitie and gentry salbe admitted to stock with theme.

And if they salbe admitted how far thair stock salbe adventurit in exporting and importing and vpone quhat conditiones they salbe admitted.

Iff they salbe refused, if the borrowis will vndertak it alone, and if the borrowis condescend to vndertak it in quhat maner, if as they vse it presentlie be burgessis at thair pleasoure, or in ane cumpanie.

Iff in ane cumpanie if all vther burgessis salbe debarred bot those of the cumpanie, and the commodities and discommodities that may arryse heirvpone.

Iff the fisching be vndertaking be ane cumpanie and all vtheris secludit, what they will stock, and heirin to advyse how manie of thair nichtbouris will adventure and quhat soumes of moneys.

And to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt meiting.

10 August 1630.

Eleis compts.

4. The commissioners having examined the accounts of James Eleis, collector of the dues for defraying the minister's stipend at Campheir, from 1st September 1629 to 10th June last, they found the charge to extend to £126, 10s. 6d. gritt and the discharge to £154, 6s. 8d. gritt, leaving due to the collector £28, 6s. 2d. gritt.

5. Anent the abuses in making of the plaiding and selling of yarn, and the matters of the shipping and monopolies, "ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to haif ane caire of the saids particulars and to follow furth the samin for the weill of the borrowis."

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10 August
1630.

Commissione,
plaiding, etc.

6. The said commissioners of borrowis, considdering that Maister Johnne Hay, late commissioner to his Maiestie in the mater of Stornway and penall statuttis and vther maters concerning thair estaitt, had maid report to theme and producit ane lettre frome his Maiestie direct to the chancellour, president, and vtheris of his counsall, declairing that his Maistie wes gratuslie pleased to remitt to his whole subjectes all penall statuttis remitted be his vmquhill father in anie parliament preceeding, and the fynnes of the penall statuttis maid in anno 1621; and lyikwayes reported that his Maiestie was gratuslie pleased to cancell the signature grantit to the Erle of Seafort for erecting the burgh of Stornway in the Yle of the Lewes in ane burgh of royall and inbringing of straingers; and considdering that notwithstanding of the cancelling of the said signature and sindrie decreittes obtenit against the said Erle, the Fleydings does still remayne in the said Yle of the Lewes and transportes all the necessars of the cuntrey, to the gritt hurt thair of; and with all considdering that the lordes of his Maiesties privie counsall hes directed certain commissioneris to his Maiestie for euerie estaitt to treat in the mater of the fisching and associatioun proponit be his Maiestie, and for the estaitt of the borrowis hes maid choyse of maister Johnne Hay, thairfore the present commissioneris for theme selffes and in name of the hail remanent borrowis gevis powar and commissioun to the said maister Johnne for dealling with his Maiestie for obteneing the saids Fleydings removed out of the saids pairts and the fisching devoluit in thair handis, and for staying of the associatioun with the English proponit, and staying of anie plantatioun of straingeris within anie of these pairtis of this kingdome wher the fisching is or hes bein, and with all to deale with his Maiestie for causing of the Fleydings ether to forbeir thair said fisching in these plaices or not to cum neirer to the schoire of anie pairt of this kingdome then ane land kenning of the said schoire, and to deale with his Maiestie in all vther thinges concerning the weill of the borrowis, and the said maister Johnne to report his diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Commissione,
Hay, Fley-
dings, fisching,
missive.

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10 August
1630.

Lynlithgow,
etc., unlaid,
missive.
Agent, certain
discharges.

7. Unlawed the burghs of Lynlithgow, Sanctandroes, Muntros, Kinghorne, Anstruther Wester, Craill, Dumbar, Lanerick and Peibles in £20 each for departing before the dissolving of this convention.

8. The agent produced certain discharges for payments made by the burghs which were delivered to the general clerk.

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29 October
1630.

Commission-
ers.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Alexander Clerk, James Guthrie ; Perth, Andro Gray ; Dundye, Andrew Daudsoun ; Aberdein, Maister Vedast Lowsoun ; Stirling, Johnne Cowane ; Lynlithgow, Andro Bell ; Sanctandroes, James Watsoun ; Glasgow, Gabriell Cuninghame ; Aire, George Maissone ; Hadingtoun, Maister James Cokburne ; Muntros, Patrik Lichtoun ; Dumbar, George Purves ; Bruntyland, William Meiklejohnne ; Kirkcaldie, Johnne Williamsone ; Craill, Johnne Mackesoun ; Dysart, Alexander Simpsoun ; Anstruther Eister, Robert Alexander ; Anstruther Wester, Robert Richardsone ; Pettinweyme, George Kingyow ; Dumbartane and Irrwing, (*blank*).

29 October 1630.

Moderator.

1. Alexander Clerk of Stentoun, provost of Edinburgh, elected moderator.

8 November 1630.

Cuninghame,
factor.

2. Conform to the 24th act of last general convention, Robert Patersone, merchant, Coupar, bound himself as cautioner for Thomas Cuninghame, factor in Campheir.

13 November 1630.

Instructione,
Hay, fisching,
missive.

3. The commissioners of borrowis being conveynit and haiving diuers tymes treatt with the rest of the estaittes anent the mater of the fisching and associatioun proponit at the last meitting of the saids estaittes, and at lenth it being concludit for satisfieing of his Maiestie desyre, conforme to the letter direct to this last committe anent the said mater, that commissioners sould be direct to treat and conclud in the said fischeing proponit with these to be chosen for the cuntrey of England, lyik as

commissioners ar nominat to that effect and maister Johnne Hay nominat for the borrowis, and thairfore the present commissioners recommends to the said maister Johnne his cair and diligence the instructiounes sett doun to the saids commissioners that nothing may be concludit derogatorie to the same or that may preiudge this natioun of anie libertie they presentlie injoy in England or Yreland, and that in no tyme heirefter they be debarrit frome these liberties quhair of they ar in present vse and possessioun ; and farder anent the fisching it is thocht expedient that the said maister Johnne sall travaile for obteneing the fischings reseruit appropriat to the borrowis, and to this effect that he sall give way to the Englische to plant in the Yle of the Lewes provyding they fisch not in the reserved watters and haif no magazins nor plantatiouns in anie vther of the west or north Illes nor benorth Buchan Nes nor Crumartie, but preiudice alwayes of the borrowis liberties and friedomes for planting lyikwayes in the said Yle of the Lewes and vther liberties quhairvnto they or anie of theme hes richt, but that it may be lafull to the Inglissh to haue magazins in anie pairt besouth Buchan Nes except the toun and herbarie of Abirdein allanerlie.

EDINBURGH.
13 November
1630.
Instructione,
Hay, fisching,
missive.

Item, that he petitioun his Maiestie in name of the borrowis for remooving of the Fleymings furth of the said Yle of the Lewes ; as lyikwayes that his Maiestie may deale with the estaittes of the Low Cuntreyes for causing thair people abstein frome fisching neirer oure land and Illes then ane land kenning off, and that he supplicat his Maiestie that powar may be givin to the borrowis or any of theme or anie of thair nichtbouris that if they or anie vther straingers sall fisch within the said reseruit watters to tak such ordour with theme as they sall think best and that his Maiestie shreffis and vthers officers may assist theme heirin.

Item, that he petitioun his Maiestie that all straingers, Hamburgers, Breymers, and all vther straingers be remoovit furth of Schytland, Orkney, Kaithnes and all vthers plaices and that the natives thair be restraynit from commercing with theme.

Item, that the said maister Johnne may haue cair for prosecuting such thinges as wes recommendit at the last meitting of the estaittes concerning the borrowis and that he procure ane letter anent the plaiding.

Item, anent the retributioun for the libertie granted to the Inglissh heir that the said maister Johnne craive ane libertie of the pilschett

EDINBURGH.
13 November
1630.

Instructione
Hay, fisching,
missive.

fisching in England and Yreland that we may enjoy the same with ample priueledges as the Inglish does of the land and all vthers liberties belonging thairto. Quhairanent and anent all and sindrie the premissis the saids commissioners grantis and gives thair full powar and commissioun to the said maister Johnne Hay in maner foresaid, and the said maister Johnne to report hes diligence heiranent to the nixt meitting of the borrowis.

Commissione
Edinburgh,
fisching, mis-
sive.

4. Ordains the burgh of Edinburgh, vpone advertisement frome Maister Johnne Hay, commissioner for theme to his Majestie in the mater of the fisching, to convein the remanent borrowis appointed to treatt anent the fisching anent such thinges as salbe impaired be him and for taking ordour thairin.

EDINBURGH.
26 February
1631.

Commission-
ers.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Daud Aikinheid, Williame Carnegie ; Perth, Andro Gray ; Dundye, Thomas Daudsoun ; Aberdein, Maister Robert Farquhare ; Lynlithgow, Andro Bell ; Glasgow, Walter Stirling ; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cokburne ; Bruntyland, Williame Meiklejohnne ; Kirkcaldye, Johnne Williamesoun ; Caraill, Johnne Mathesoun ; Irwing, James Scott ; Dysart, Maister Daud Kinghorne ; Anstruther Eister, Robert Alexander ; Pettinweyme, George Kingyow ; Sanctandroes, Aire, Montrose, and Dumbbar (*blank*).

26 February 1631.

Moderator.

1. Daud Aikenheid, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

28 February 1631.

Fairs in the
north, plaid-
ing, Abirdein,
Edinburgh,
missive.

2. The commissioneris of borrowis beand conveynit, forsuameikle as the commissioneris of borrowis haiveing at the last meitting of estaittis [brought before them the 20th act of last general convention] anent reformatioun of the abuse croppin in of late in the plaiding through presenting of the same to mercat in rolles, and the saids estaittes haiveing remitted the same and the ordour to be taiken therwith to the lordis of his Maiesties most honorable

privie counsall, and the same being meaned to theme, the saids lordis ordaynit lettres to be direct to the schireffes of the schirefdomes whair for the maist pairt the faires of plaiding ar holdin, together with the heretouris of the saids fairs, which lettres ar raisit and delyverit to Maister Robert Farquhare, present commissioner for Abirdein, and which burgh the present commissioners ordanis to caus summond the saids pairties vpone fyftein dayes to compeir before the saids lordis, and to send the saids lettres lauffullie execut and indorsat to the burgh of Edinburgh, to which burgh they give full powar and commissioun frome theme and in their names to compeir before the saids lordis and to insist in the said complaint and to vse their diligence for reforming of the said abuse in the said wair of plaiding and obteneing of the same to be presented in all tyme cuming in tranches and foldes, and the saids burghis to report their diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

EDINBURGH.
28 February
1631.

Fairs in the
north, plaid-
ing, Abirdein,
Edinburgh,
missive.

3 March 1631.

3. Compeirit the commissioneris of the burgh of Edinburgh and pro-
ducit ane missiwe letter direct to the borrowis frome the toun of Cam-
pheid, and in their absence to the burgh of Edinburgh, conteneing ane
ansuer to the letter direct be the commissioners of borrowis in their last
generall conventioun to the said toun of Campheid, excusing their not
sending of commissioners hither, with ane declaratioun that they being
informed of the breches of the contract past betuixt the borrowis and
theme they vald then give all satisfactioun to the borrowis; and the
saids borrowis vnderstanding be ane letter from the conservatour that he
had acquainted the said toun with the borrowis grievances in their defalt,
thairfore ordanis ane letter to be direct in their names to the said toun
desyring theme that since they ar acquainted with their desyres anent
the hurtis susteynit be this natioun thruch their occasioun that thairfore
they vald ether be their commissioners or vtherwayes tak away the saids
grivances, and to acquaint the saids commissioners of borrowis to be
conveynit at Dysart the first of Julij nixt that they may tak farder ordour
anent the premissis; and ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh to haue ane
cair of directing of the said lettre and thair clerk to subscribe the same,
wheranent thir presentis salbe thair warrand, and the said burgh to report
their diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of borrowis.

Letter, Cam-
pheid, Edin-
burgh, missive.

EDINBURGH.
3 March 1631.
Letter conser-
vator, missive.

4. The commissioners of borrowis haiveing ressaut ane letter frome the present conservatour daittit at Campheir the second of March, *calculo novo*, desyring recompence for his bygane travellis in the borrowis effaires; as lyikwayes, desyring theme to caus such as hes not payit his dewes in the Low Cuntreyis to caus him be payit thairof, and last desyring James Weir to be cited to the nixt generall conventioun, the present commissioners ordanis ane letter to be direct to him schewing that they being bot ane verie few number at this tyme they could tak no course thairin, bot since he is to be himselff at thair nixt meitting they doubt not bot the borrowis will haue ane caire to give his lordship all reasonable satisfactioun; and anent these that hes not payit his dewes to desyre him to bring with him to the said conventioun ane nott of the persounes names hes failziet with the quantitie of thair guides, and the borrowis will tak such a reasounable course as may give him satisfactioun; and anent James Weir, . . . to desire his lordship to notifie the caus to the burgh of Edinburgh whome the present commissioners in that caice ordanis to caus summond at the said conservatouris instance to compeir at the said generall conventioun, and to assure his lordship that according to the said James his demereit he sall ressaive satisfactioun; and last, to schew him how they haue writtin to the toun of Campheir and to desyre him to insist with theme for ane ansuere; and ordanis thair clerk to draw vp the said letter and to subscriye the same in thair names, quhairanent thir presentis salbe his warrand, and the burgh of Edinburgh to direct the saids lettres and to report thair diligence heiranent to the next generall conventioun of borrowis.

Fire bitt, May,
missive.

5. The saids commissioneris of borrowis, being acquainted with ane letter frome his Maiestie schewing of ane petitioun presented be the laird of Barnis for ane fyre bitt vpone the Ille of the May, and the borrowis considdering how far the said mater may concerne them both in burdein and preparatiue, thairfore ordanis ilk burgh to be requyrit to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed for tryeing both of the necessitie [of ane] fyre bitt in the said plaice, as also for taking such ordour thereanent as may best agrie with the weill of thair estaitt, vnder the payne of tuentie pundis.

Unlayes ab-
sents, missive.

6. Forsuameikle as the commissioners of borrowis finding that betuixt and thair generall meittings thair occurres oft maters of gritt importance

concerning deiplie thair estaittes, and that thair being a good and competent number of the borrowis acquainted with the saids maters and injoynt to send thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed theranent, nochttheles the saids borrowis does not keip [the conventiouns], quhair-through thair estait is nichtilie preiudgit, thairfore ordanis ilk burgh to be requyrit for sending thair commissioners sufficientlie instructed for taking ordour theranent and setting down of such vnlawis as the absents may be deulie pvnished and the said particular meittings better keiped ; as lyikwayes for pvnishing of such burghis whose commissioners depairts not subscryving the book.

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3 March 1631.
Unlayes, absents, missive.

7. Unlawed the burghs of Air, Anstruthers Eister and Wester, Sanctandroes, and Dumbar, in £20 each for being absent from this convention.

Air, etc , unlayed missive.

8. Mr David Erskene, commissioner for Montrose, undertook to produce within eight days a ratification by his burgh of all things done at this convention, under a penalty of £20.

Montrose ratificatione, missive.

9. Quheras thair being ane petitioun proffered to his Maiestie be the generall of the mynt-hous of this kingdome, contening certain overtoures for reforming of the present abuse of the coyne occasioned through the course of dolouris within this cuntrey, and the lordis of his Maiesties most honorabill privie counsall haiveing ordaynit his Maiesties frie borrowis to be acquaintit therwith and ane copey thair of to be delyverit to theme that they micht the first of Mairche be heard theranent, and thair being ane few number of the commissioners of the saids borrowis conveynit, and they haiffing pervsed the said petitioun and overtoures thairin conteynit, they did find thair vald be ane gritt damage to trye in or stop the present course of the saids doloris considering the mas of the haille present coyne of this kingdome did consist of these spesces of doloris, and that it sould prove verie preiudiciall to the haille liedges if ordour wer taiken thairwith before the cuntrey were sufficientlie provydit with vther money, and so mutche rather that probablie if the peace sould continew with Spayne the cuntrey micht be disburdeynit of the saids dolores and vthers moneyis brocht in, that thairfore it vald pleis the saids lordis nott to tak anie farder ordour with the saidis dollouris till more mature deliberation were taiken theranent with advyse of all such as the said mater did concerne ; and for preveining of farder incuming of the saids dollouris, that

Coyne, burroues, missive.

EDINBURGH
3 March 1631.

Coyne, bur-
roues, missive.

the saids lordis vald be pleased to dischaarge all persones frome bringing in of dollouris within this kingdome, ather be sea or land, and to graunt ane warrand to his Maiesties schireffes, justices of his Maiesties peace, and proveist and baillies within burgh, to searche, tak, and apprehend all such persounes as bringes any of the said dolouris within this kingdome, and to confiscat the same, the one halff to his Maiesties vse and the vther halff to the apprehenders; as lyikwayes to dischaarge the maisteris of colheuches and salt pannis to ressaive anie spesces of the saids doloris vnder sic hie paynes as it sall pleiss the lordis to appoint; and for farder incuming of bulzeoun that the said lordis wald be pleased to dischaarge the customers frome ressaiving of bulzeoun, and that the whole bulzeoun be ressauit [be] the maister of the coynziehous frome the merchandis efter thair retorne frome the voyages allanerlie, and that in forraine coyne and nane in Inglis money; and that all persounes be dischairged frome melting any of his Maiesties coyne, old or new, vnder such paines as it sall pleis the saids lordis to injoyne, which course being in tyme taiken doubtles will prove profitabill to the whole kingdome; and in the meantyme the present commissioneris ordanis the said mater to be recomendit to the commissioneris to be conveynit at thair nixt generall conventioun, and ilk burgh to be requyrit to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructed with thair best advyse for reforming of the present abusses of the coyne and farder inbringing of money within this cuntrey, vnder the payne of xx li. ilk burgh.

[*The Convention Records are wanting from 3d March 1631 to 3d July 1649.*]

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at QUEENSFERRY.*

Edinburgh, Sir James Stewart, James Borthwick ; Pearth, Patrick Ros ; Dundie, Alexander Bower, younger ; Abirdeine, Alexander Jaffray ; Stirling, John Schort ; Lynlithgow, James Campbell ; Sanctandros, James Suord ; Glasgow, George Porterfield ; Air, Gilbert Richart ; Haddingtoun, John Aytoun ; Dysart, John Gay ; Kirkcaldie, Robert Whyte ; Coupar, George Jamesone ; Montros, Robert Tailyeour ; Anstruther Ester, Androw Marteine ; Dumfreis, Thomas M'Birnie ; Innernes, James Ros ; Bruntilland, George Gairdin ; Innerkeything, Alexander Hendersone ; Kinghorne, John Boswald ; Irving, Mr Robert Barkclay ; Jedburgh, James M'Cubie ; Kirkcudbright, John Corsane ; Pitinweem, George Smyth ; Dumfermeling, William Walker ; Anstruther Wester, Peter Thomsone ; Selkirk, Thomas Scot ; Dumbartane, Mr James Campbell ; Ramfrow, John Sprewle ; Dumbar, Thomas Purves ; Lanrick, Gideon Jack ; Abirbrothock, David Ramsay ; Elgyne, Mr Johne Hay ; Peibles, Williame Lewis ; Caraill, Alexander Cuninghame ; Taine, David Ferme ; Culros, James Aitkyne ; Bamff, Mr Alexander Dowglas ; Forfar, Williame Huntar ; Nairne, John Tulloch ; Cullen, Johne Ogilvie ; Lochmaben ; Johnne Kennedie ; Queinsferrie, Robert Hill and James Dawling ; Brichane, Wigtoun, Whithorne, Rothesay, Forres, Rutherglen, Northberwick, Lauder, Kilrenny, Annand, Sanchare, Galloway, Dingwall, and Dornock (*blank*).

QUEENSFERRY.
3 July 1649.

3 July 1649.

1. Robert Hill, first in commission for Queensferry, elected moderator. Moderator.
2. Hours of meeting appointed to be daily from seven till twelve, and from two till three. " And such as ar absent at the calling of the rollis to pay sex schillingis of wnlaw, and they that passes out of the hous to pay ane wnlaw as said is, and they that passes frome this present conventione befor the dissollueing thair of to pay ane wnlaw as absentis ; and that nane speik unrequirit without leive askit or givin, nor intermix their resoning with thair voiting, wnder the paine of sex schillingis *toties quoties*." Houris of meeting.

3. Anent the 10 act of the last particular conventione of burrowis hauldin at Edinburgh in Januarij 1649 anent the sanctifying of the Prayer.

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3 July 1649.

Prayer.

meitingis of the burrowis by prayer, that the Lord may be honored and ther proceedingis blessit, does ratefe and approve of the said act, and appointis and ordanis that the moderator of the meiting, except he bring ane minister with him, sall begin and clos the meiting with prayer, and if the minister be present he is to doe it; recomending the samyne to be done in everie burgh in all ther meitingis within burgh; and that ilk burgh intimat the samyn to thair burgh at thair home cuming, and to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventione.

Taxt Roll.

4. The comissioneris of burrowis being conveyened anent the head of the missive for alteratione of the taxt roll, quherin they conceive themselves to be greatlie concerned, the same being ane squair and rule quherby to measur all thair burdingis and impositiounes, and haveing chosen out ane number of qualified men for seting down ilk burghis proportione in all burdingis, quhilkis persones compearand accepted and gaue thair aith *de fideli administratione*; lyk as the haill remanent burrowis obliged them and thair burghis to abyd at thair determinatione and to pay such part of the sowme of ane hundreth pundis as they sall modifie vnto theme, and conforme thairto to mak payment of all wther burdingis belonging to that estait, quherof the tenor followis, viz. :—

	LI.	s.	D.		LI.	s.	D.
Edinburgh . . .	36	0	0	Innerkeything . . .	0	10	0
Pearth . . .	4	0	0	Kinghorne . . .	0	9	0
Dundie . . .	7	0	0	Brichane . . .	0	12	0
Abirdein . . .	6	13	4	Irwing . . .	1	0	0
Stirling . . .	1	2	0	Jedburgh . . .	0	18	0
Lynlithgow . . .	1	16	0	Kirkcuthbrycht . . .	0	16	0
Sanct Androis . . .	3	6	8	Wigtoun . . .	0	14	0
Glasgow . . .	6	10	0	Pitinweem . . .	0	13	4
Air . . .	1	8	0	Dumfermling . . .	0	17	0
Haddingtoun . . .	1	16	0	Anstruther Wester . . .	0	6	0
Dysart . . .	1	8	0	Selkirk . . .	0	13	4
Kirkcaldie . . .	2	8	0	Dumbartane . . .	0	12	0
Coupar . . .	1	2	0	Ramfrow . . .	0	8	0
Monros . . .	2	0	0	Dumbar . . .	1	2	0
Anstruther Eister . . .	0	16	0	Lanrick . . .	0	12	0
Dumfreis . . .	1	13	4	Abirbrothock . . .	0	9	0
Innernes . . .	2	10	0	Elgin . . .	0	13	4
Bruntilland . . .	1	2	0	Peibles . . .	0	10	0

	Li.	s.	D.		Li.	s.	D.	QUEENSFERRY.
Caraill . . .	1	2	0	Cullen . . .	0	3	0	3 July 1649.
Tane . . .	0	10	0	Lauder . . .	0	7	0	Taxt Roll.
Culros . . .	0	9	0	Kilrenny . . .	0	3	0	
Bamff . . .	0	6	8	Annan . . .	0	2	0	
Whithorne . . .	0	4	0	Lochmaban . . .	0	2	0	
Forfar . . .	0	4	0	Sanchar . . .	0	2	0	
Rothsay . . .	0	6	0	Galloway . . .	0	1	0	
Nairne . . .	0	4	0	Dingwall . . .	0	2	0	
Forres . . .	0	6	0	Quinsferrie . . .	0	9	0	
Rutherglen . . .	0	4	0	Dornoch . . .	0	3	0	
Northberwick . . .	0	4	0	Inverary . . .	0	4	0	

And ordanes thair generall clark in thair names to . . . the double of the said roll and subscriue the same . . . to the effect that letteres of horning may be direct heirwpon and all other executorialis neidfull against ilk burgh refusing to pay thair pairt of the samyn, quherwnto they agree and consentis and declairis the samyn to take effect and have place conforme to the act of parliament maid at St Androis the 7 Januar 1646 yeiris.

4 July 1649.

5. Anent the 5 act of the last generall conventione off borrowis hauldine at the burgh of Bruntilland the 29 of August 1648, ordaining the burgh of Wigtoun to produce to this present conventione thair decret arbitrall betuixt theme and the earle of Gallaway and to report ther farder diligence in the prosecutioun therof wnder the paine of ane hundreth pundis, the present comissioneris wnlawis the said burgh in the said sowme, and ordaines them to produce the said decret arbitrall to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis, wnder the paine of ane hundreth lib., with farder diligence in prosecutione therof.

6. Anent the sext act of the last generall conventione of burrowis ordaining the agent to conteneu and insist in obteaining ane act of parliament against delapidatione of comoun landis of burrowis and to report his diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis, [ordanis] this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

7. Anent the 7 act of the said last generall conventione of burrowis, ordaining the burgh of Stirling, with concurrence of the agent, to prosecut

Wigtoun, missive.

Agent, comoun landis, missive.

Stirling, wnfrie men, missive.

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4 July 1649.
Stirling, wnfrie
men, missive.

the discussing of the suspensiones procured be certain wnfrie persones within ther liberties and against wnfrie treadderis in Kylsyth, Burnesyde, and Faw Kirk and Alloway, and to prosecut the saidis actiones against them and all wnfrie treadderis within thair boundis, the present comissioneris ordeanis the said burgh with concurrence of the said agent to insist in the prosecutione of the saidis actiones and to report ther diligence to the nixt generall conventione wnder the paine of 20 lib.

Rothsay,
commoun
landis.
Glasgow, Dum-
barton, Irwin,
missive.

8. Anent the 8 act of the said last generall conventione of burrowis, ordaining the burgh of Rothsay to produce the rental of ther comoun landis to this present conventione, the present comissioners findis that the said burgh hes contraveined the said act, and therfor wnlawis them in the sowme of 40 lib., and ordaines them to produce the samyne to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis wnder the lyk payne; and ordaines the burghes of Glasgow, Dumbartane, and Irving to send thair comissioneris at ane certane day to the said burgh of Rothsay betuixt and Michaelmas nixt to see the forme of the electione of thair magistratis, and the burgh of Glasgow to be the conveyer of the saidis burghis, and to report ther diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis wnder the paine of 20 lib. ilk burgh to be payed to the burrowis.

Abirbrothock,
commoun
landis, missive.

9. Anent the tuelt act of the said last generall conventioun of burrowis hauldin at the burgh of Bruntilland in August 1648, ordaining the burgh of Arbroath to produce the charter of thair milne and milne landis to this present conventione of burrowis, to the effect that ther milne landis may be reduced to ther comoun good, the present comissioners findis that they have contravened the said act and therfor wnlawis the said burgh in the sowme of 20 libris; and ordaines the said burgh to produce the same to the nixt generall conventione wnder the paine of 40 libris.

Lochmabein
chartour, mis-
sive, agent,
Dumfries, Sel-
kirk, missive.

10. Anent the 30 act of the said last generall conventione of burrowis, ordaining the burgh of Lochmabein to produce the charter of thair comoun landis lyand in the handis of William Maxwell, lait baillie thair, and ordaining the agent to have raised lettres for chairging the said William Maxwell for productione therof, the present comissioneris wnderstanding of the death of the said William Maxwell, thairfor ordaines the agent to rais lettres and to charge James Maxwell, his sone, to produce the said charter to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis and

to report his diligence thairanent; as also ordaines the burghes of Dumfreis and Selkirk to conveyin at the burgh of Lochmabein and to visit ther comoun landis and to report in what estait thay ar in, and how thay ar employed, to the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis, wnder the paine of 40 lib. ilk burgh, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive, and the burgh of Lochmabein to conveyin the saidis burghis.

QUEENSFERRY.
4 July 1649.
Lochmabein,
chartour, mis-
sive, agent,
Dumfrics, Sel-
kirk, missive.

11. The present comissioneris ordaines the agent to produce his diligence in concurring with the burgh of Lanerick in the prosecution of all actiones against the possessouris of thair comoun landis, as also the said burgh to produce thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis under the paine of 20 libris.

Agent, Lan-
ark, missive.

6 July 1649.

12. Anent the supplicatioun givin in be Thomas Cuninghame, eldest lauffull sone to Thomas Cuningham, conservator of the privilegis of the Scotis natioun in the Low Cuntries, to the comissioneris of burrowis presentlie conveyin, craveing thair approbatione for his admissioun to be ane factor at Campheir, the saidis comissioneris haveing considerit the same, and haveing heard of the good report of the said Thomas Cuninghame, younger, of his birth, educatione, qualificatione, and abilitie for his discharging of the office of factorie, hes grantit and givin, lyk as they be thir presentis grantis and gives thair allowance, ratificatione, and approbatioun for his admissioun to the said office off factorie, provyding alwayes that the samyne sall induir during the burrowis pleasour and goodwill allenerlie, and that the said Thomas Cuninghame sall behave himself honestlie and dewtifullie in the said office, and sall mak just reckoning, compt, and payment of his intromissione with quhatsumever goodis or geir or sowmes of money that he sall happin to intromet or be intrusted with appertaining to quhatsumever persoun or persounis quha sall employ him in the said office, or that he sall happin to intromet with at directione or comand of the saidis burrowis, and that he sall obey and fullfill all and quhatsumever actis and statutis maid or to be maid be the comissioneris of burrowis in thair generall or particular conventiones, and sall wnderly all such offices as they sall please to burdin him withall, and sall discharge ane honest and trew dewtie to all merchantis, and sall not

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refuse to accept of thair imploymentis how mean soever the samyn sall happin to be quhensoever he sall be employed be them or ony one of them to that effect, and salbe obedient to the disciplin of the kirk thair, and sall mak no rebaitis of merchandis billis at his owin hand, conforme to the actis of burrowis dischairging the samyne, and, last, that he sall find sufficient cautione for fullfilling and obeying the hail premissis.

Andersone,
factor.

13. Robert Andersone, clerk to the conservator, admitted factor at Campheir on the usual conditions.

Taxt roll, pro-
testations.

14. The comissioneris of the royall burrowis haveing heard that the comissioneris for the burgh of Edinburgh had befor the comittie appointed for altering of the taxt roll protested, lyk as they did now in this generall conventione protest against the report of the said comitte, and haveing heard by that comitte that they had entered ane protestatione against the protestatioune of Edinburgh, the saidis comissioneris of burrowis haveing considered the said protestatione of the comittie doe admitt and allow the samyne, and appointis the samyn to be heirein insertit, quherof the tenor followis ;—At the Queinsferrie the 5 day of July 1649 yeiris, in presens of the comittie of 15 persones chosen by the bodie of the burrowis, viz., Sir James Stewart for Edinburgh, Patrick Ros for Perth, Alexander Bower for Dundie, Alexander Jaffray for Aberdein, John Schort for Stirling, James Suord for St Androis, Georg Porterfeild for Glasgow, Gilbert Richart for Ayre, Robert Quhyt for Kirkcaldie, Thomas M'Birnie for Dumfreis, Mr Robert Barkclay for Irvine, John Corsane for Kirkcudbright, Mr John Hay for Elgin, Gideon Jack for Lanrick, Mr Alexander Douglas for Bamff, for alteratione of the extent roll. The said day, Sir James Stewart, comissioner for Edinburgh, ane of the memberis of the said comittie, protestit against the proceid-ingis therof and the stent maid be them, for himselff and in name of the burgh of Edinburgh, and gaue in the resoinis following as the ground of his protestatione—*First*. In respect the towne of Edinburgh haveing tua comissioneris named in thair comission, and quhilk as is alledgit sould be individuall in all caisses, yit in the said comittie Sir James Stewart was onlie admitted. *Secoundlie*. In respect of the inverting of the order, beginning at the letter end of the roll and goeing backward on the

same. *Thridlie*. In respect as is alledgit ther was comissioneris in the said comittie not qualefied according to the missive, being such persounes who tynes not in the caussis of burrowis. *Fourthlie*. It is allegit that by ane act of the former conventione it was appointed that the wholl burrowis schould be visited and the conditioun reported befor any alteratione of the taxt roll. *Fyftlie*. It is allegit the tread of the said burgh wes decayed and the tread of wtheris burghis increased, and yet, as wes by theme allegit, the samyne wes not regardit by the said comittie. *Lastlie*. It wes allegit that thos who stentis wtheris aucht themselues to be extentit by the bodie. To the which protestatioun and ansueris it is answered in manner following by the memberis of the said comittie that they haue proceedid orderlie one good and legall grundis in respect that this present conventione haveing takin to thair consideratione the secound article of the missive and the [blank] act of the former conventione wherwpoun the samyn is groundit, they thought fitt and appointed the afforsaid fyftein persones of thair number to quhom they gaue absolut power to alter and set doun ane perfyt extent roll, to the which the fairsaid protester with all the memberis of the said conventione did oblige themselues to adhear, conforme quherunto the afforsaid comittie of fyftein persones being conveened and deeplie suorn, they did efter mature deliberatione at sewerall dyetis proceed vnto the alteratione of the said roll and setting doun the act of this present stent. To the *first* reasoun of the protestatioun fairsaid it is answered that they could admitt non to sit and voit but the afforsaid fyftein persounes chosen by the bodie of the conventioun as said is, of which Sir James Stewart wes onlie chosin for Edinburgh, and they conceaved that although Edinburgh be allowed tua comissioneris to sit and voit in the bodie of the conventione and in wther meitingis yet they cannot have nor never had any such place in comitties except they be expresslie chosen, the bodie haveing power to name one thair comitties quhom they pleas. To the *secound* it is answered that the comittie hes power to determyn thair owin method of procedor except they be astricted by the bodie which they wer not. To the *thrid* it is ansuerit ther wes none one the comittie but thos whos comissiones wes receaved and efter examinatione admitted and acknowledged by the whole bodie, ther being non but such as tyne and wyne in the causes of burrowes. To the *fourth* it is ansuerit that the

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said act ordaining the burrowis to be visited doeth not expreslie provyd that in caice of failze therof the conventione sould never the less proceed to the alteratione fairsaid. To the *fyft* it is ansuerit the said comittie efter hearing of the grivances of the severall burrowis in relatione to the decay of tread and wther losses, and in particular of the toun of Edinburgh both by word and wryt, they did proceed wpoun just groundis, to the quhilk they doe adhear. To the *syxt* and *last* it is answered the severall memberis of the comittie, efter the hearing of thair greivances, wer remowed and stented by the rest of the comittie, which is ane legall and orderlie procedor. And thairfor in respect of the premissis the whole comittie for themseluis and in name of the haill royall burrowis, by James Suord for St Androis, protested in the contrair of the said Sir James Stewart his protestatione, and declairis that they doe and will adhear wnto the said taxt roll altered by them, as also protested that conforme to the tennour of ane act of parliament the 7 of Merch 1649 they aucht to have releif of the toun of Edinburgh as one of theis burrowis who hes had the greatest ease theis sextie yearis bygane to the heavie prejudice of the rest of the burrowis; requyring that theis thair protestatione be entered and registrat in the buik of the burrowis.

Clerk, Ker.

15. The comissioneris of burrowis haveing considerit the reference of the lait particular conventione of burrowis haldin at Edinburgh in January last concerning thair generall clark, doe approve of thair chois of Mr Androw Ker to be thair generall clark, lykas, haveing certane knowledg of the honestie and qualificatione of the said Mr Androw to discharg the said office, doe heirby unanimouslie nominat, elect, and appoint the said Mr Androw ther generall clark to serve them at all generall and particular conventiones duiring thair gudwill and pleaser, giving and allowing vnto him all privilegiis, liberties, and comodities and benefeit and fees belonging to the said office, quha compearand acceptit and gawe his aith *de fidei administratione*.

Broun, agent.

16. The present comissioneris of burrowis ratifies and approves the 13 act of the said last particular conventione hauldin at Edinburgh in February last concerning ther agent, and doe approve of thair chois of William Broun, wreater in Edinburgh, to be thair agent and procurator in all thair affairis duiring thair pleaser, allowing wnto him all fees, casualities, and privileges belonging to the said place, quha compearand

accepted wpon him the said office and gaue his aith *de fideli administra-* QUEENSFERRY.
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17. The commissioners approved of the accounts of John Ramsay, their late Agent, restis,
agent, and ordained the present agent to uplift and pay certain sums to him. missive.

18. The present comissioneris of burrowis haveing considderit the by- Agent, report.
gane cariadg and good seruice of John Ramsay, thair lat agent, in his
said office, doe heirby approve him in the whole discharg of his said office,
and exoneris him of all that can be laid to his charg in all tymes bypast,
recomending heirby in respect of his good seruice quhat reward or
gratuitie salbe given to him for the samyn to the nixt particular conven-
tione of burrowis.

19. The comissioneris of burrowis haveing considderit that John Agent, missive.
Ramsay, thair lat agent, had done his dilligence agains the burghes of
Quththorne, Dundie, Inuernes, Cullros, and Lawder, conforme to the 20
act of the last generall conventione of burrowis, and thairfoir exoneris
him therof, and ordaines thair present agent to prosecut the said dilli-
gence against the saidis burrowis, and to mak payment to the burgh of
Air of the sowme of 1000 merkis, and to the burgh of Arbroath of the
sowme of 480 merkis restand to them be the forsaidis burghis, or els to
produce his dilligence thairanent to the next generall conventione of
burrowis.

20. Anent the 7 act of the last particular conventione off burrowis, Inerary in-
hauldin at Edinburgh in Februar last, anent the inrolling of Inueraray rolling mis-
amongst the royall burrowis, the present comissioneris of burrowis, in sive.
respect of the shortnes of tyme, do recomend that article to be agitat in
the nixt particular conventione, giving them power to determine therein
finallie as if this present generall conventioun had done the same, and
the saidis comissioneris appointed to keip the said particular conventione
to report thair dilligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventione.

21. The present comissioners, in respect of the shortnes of tyme, doe Particulars re-
therfor remitt and referr all the particular articles of the missive that mitted.
are not discussed and determined in this present convention, with all
supplicationes givin in to the samyne general conventione, to be deter-
mined and concludit in the nixt particular conventione to meit at Edin-
burgh. The present comissioneris appointis the burrowis wnderwrittin Nixt missive.

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to keip the particular conventione of burrowis at the burgh of Edinburgh, burcht the 9 of July instant, viz., Sir James Stewart, James Borthwick, for Edinburgh, [and the commissioners for Pearth, Dundie, Abirdein, Stirling, Lithgow, Sanct Androis, Glasgo, Air, Haddingtoun, Dysart, Coupar, Inuernis, Dumfreis, Bruntilland, Kinghorne, Culros, Irving, Kirkcudbrycht, Dumfermling, Dumbartoun, Lanrick, Elgin, Bamff, Anstruther Eister, Queinsfferie], and nyne of them present to be a quorum, to quhom they gif full power to treat and conclud wpon the hail heidis of the missive and supplicationes presented in this generall conventione, and to report thair diligence to the nixt general conventione of burrowis.

Anent the taxt
roll, missive.

22. The present comissioneris of burrowis taking to ther consideratione how great ane chang may be in the estate and conditione of burrowis befor the nixt generall meiting, thairfor appointis that the taxt roll now concludit be altered at the nixt generall conventione of burrowis according to the particular conditione of ilk burgh, and that this may be the better performed they appoint ane visitatione to be maid of the particular estait of each burgh and report maid therof to the nixt generall conventione, referring to the particular conventione to meit at Edinburgh to appoint the particular visitoris of ilk burgh, it being alwayis declared that if visitatione be neglectit, or that no report be maid therof to the said nixt generall conventione, the said taxt roll salbe changed by the said nixt generall conventione notwithstanding of that neglect; and this to be discused and concludit in the verie beginning of the said nixt generall conventione according to the 42 act of the said last generall conventione.

Post, missive.

23. The present comissioneris of the burrowis remittis the consideratione yearle to be givin to Andro Moncurr, thair comoun post, for his service done to the saidis burrowis, and for his attendance at the generall and particular meitingis, to the nixt particular conventione to be at Edinburgh.

Nixt conventione.

24. The commissioners dissolved the present convention, and appointed the next general convention to be held at Coupar, beginning on the first Tuesday of July 1650.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

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Edinburgh, Sir James Stewart, James Borthwick ; Pearth, Patrick Ros ; Dundie, Alexander Bower ; Abirdein, Alexander Jaffrey ; Stirling, John Schort ; Lynlithgow, James Campbell ; St Andrewis, James Suord ; Glasgow, George Porterfield ; Air, Gilbert Richard ; Haddingtoun, John Aytoun ; Dysart, William Sympsone ; Kirkcaldie, Robert Whyte ; Coupar, George Jamisone ; Innernes, James Ros ; Dumfreis, Thomas M'Birnie ; Bruntilland, George Gairdin ; Kinghorn, Mr Robert Cuninghame ; Culros, James Akine ; Irving, Mr Robert Barclay ; Kirkculbright, John Corsane ; Dumfermling, William Walker ; Dumbartan, Mr James Campbell ; Lanrick, Gideone Jack ; Elgin, Mr John Hay ; Bamff, Mr Alexander Dowglas ; Anstruther Eister, Andro Mertein ; Queinsferrie, Robert Hill.

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1. The comissioners adjourned their meeting till to-morrow.

Meeting ad-
journed.

10 July 1649.

2. Mr Johne Hay, commissioner for Elgin, elected moderator.
3. Hours of meeting appointed to be from seven till nine in the morning.
Same regulations as formerly as to attendance, speaking, and voting.
4. The comissioneris presentlie conveened remittis the supplicationes of the burghis of Nairne, Innernes, Bamff, Cullen, Elgine and Rothesay to be ane heid of the nixt missive ; and ordaines the agent to concurr with the saidis burghis in prosecuting the suspensiones purchest be unfree treaderis against the saidis burghis to be discussed.

Moderator.

Hours of meet-
ing.

Supplications,
missive.

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5. Anent the thrid act of the last generall conventione hauldin at Bruntilland in August 1648, ordaining ilk burgh to produce thair exact dilligence in wreat anent the measuris of victuall, pais of bread, notwith-

Measures of
victuall, mis-
sive.

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Measures of
victuall, mis-
sive.

Unfree trea-
ders, missive.

Lanrik, com-
mon good,
missive.

Chartor Ar-
broath.

Delait.

Tread in
Picardie and
Normandie.

Delait.

Sydserf, Wed-
derburne,
Schort.

standing quhairof thair ar severall burrowis quha have failied in producing thair dilligence heiranent, thairfoir ordaines ilk burgh quha have not produced thair dilligence anent their measur of victuall and pais of bread to produce thair exact dilligence thairanent to the nixt generall conventione, wnder the paine of 20 lib.

6. Ordaines ilk burgh to produce thair dilligence to the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis in punisching off vnfree treadderis within thair boundis and freemen trafecting in vnfree places and against forstalleris and regraiteris, and to report thair dilligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventione. And the agent to concurr with the burghis of Lynlithgow, Irving and Ramfrow in prosecuting thair actiones intended be them against vnfree treadderis within thair boundis and liberties, and to report his dilligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventione.

7. The commissioners accepted the excuse of Lanark for not reporting as to their common good, and ordained the burgh to report their diligence to next general convention.

8. The present comissioneris of burrowis accepts of the excuis maid be the burgh of Arbroth in not producing the contract betuixt them and the Lord Ogilve anent the comon milne to this present conventioun, and dispensiss with thair vnlaw; and therfoir ordaines the said burgh to produce the said contract to the nixt generall conventione wnder the paine of ane 100 lib.; and if any new contract beis made be the said burgh to any wther persone that the samyn be maid be adwyce of the burghes of Dundie and Monros, and the saidis burghes to be conveyned be Arbroath; and the saidis burghis to report thair dilligence theranent to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis, wnder the paine of 20 lib. ilk burgh.

9. Item, the burghis that hes tread in Piccardie and Normandie in France, the present comissioneris appointis them to produce thair ac-comptis therof to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis, wnder the paine of 20 lib. ilk burgh to be payed to the burrowis.

10. Anent the 32 act of [a previous generall conventione of burghs] ordaining Archibald Sydserf, Sir Alexander Wedderburne, and John Schort to produce thair dilligence anent the money to be resaued frome England for repairing of the burrowis lossis, the present comissioneris contenewis the samyne to be ane heid of the nixt missive, and ordaines

the saidis persones to report thair dilligence heiranent to the nixt generall EDINBURGH.
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conventionone of burrowis.

11. Anent the 17 act of the last particular conventionone of burrowis Dundie, mis-
sive, pak
house.
hauldin at Edinburcht in Januarii 1648 ordaining the burgh of Dundie to have produced to the nixt generall conventionone the comptis of thair comoun good and wther incident casualities thes ten yeiris bygane, and of thar burding therwpon, and how the samyn wes contractit, and for givinge ansuer to thair supplicatione for libertie to set ther comoun milnes and packhous for 19 yeiris for the best awaill, the present comissioneris haveing sein a list of thair burdingis, and how the samyn wer contractit, and how thair commoun good wes employed, thay have thairfoir grantit and given libertie, lyk as they be thir presentis grantis and gives libertie to the said burgh of Dundie to sett furth thair milnes and packhous to the best awaill, for the space of nyntein yeiris, for defraying of the burding of their comoune good, they reserveing als mucche of the dewitie of the samyn as will pay thair ministers stipendis; provyding also that the samyn be set furthe to burgessis or treadsmen being burgessis within thair owin burghis, constant residerentis in thair burgh, bearing all portable chairges with the said burgh, and to no wtheris, wnder the paines contained in the actis of burrowis maid discharging the setting of comoun landis of burrowis to wnfrey persones; and ordaines the said burgh to report thair dilligence to the nixt generall conventionone anent the manner of the setting of the samyn, and to quhom the samyn is set, under the paine of 20 lib.

12. Anent the supplicatione givin in be the burgh of the Quenis- Queinsferie,
commoun
mure, missive.
ferie craveing support for repairing of thair tollbuith, and craveing libertie to set thair comoun muir in few or wtherwys for helping and augmenting thair comoun good, the present comissioneris continewis the first pairt of the said supplicatione to be ane heid of the nixt missive, and gives libertie to the said burgh to set furth thair comoun muir to the best awaill and to produce the takis set be them of the said muir to the nixt generall conventionone, wnder the paine of 20 lib.

13. Anent the 9 act of the said last particular conventionone anent Dundie, etc.,
Perth, burrow-
muir.
the supplicatione givin in be the burgh of Pearth craveing libertie to set furth thair comoun burrowmuir, and appointing the burghes of Dundie, Couper, Culros, Dunfermling and Bruntilland, or any three of them, to

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Perth, burrow-
muir.

wisit the said burrowmuir and to report thair dilligence thairanent to this present conventione, the present comissioneris conteanewis the samyn to be ane heid of the nixt missive, appointis the saidis burghis abone-written, or any three of them, to wisit the heid burrowmuir and to report thair dilligence to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis.

Kinghorne,
Bruntilland.

14. Continued till next general convention the supplications of Kinghorne and Bruntilland craving supply for repair of their harbours.

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Conservator,
certane
sowmes, kirk
sessione.

15. Anent the 39 act of the last generall conventione ordaining ilk burgh to send thair comissioneris sufficientlie instructed anent the disposing wpon the soume of threscoir poundis, Fleymes, or therby lying in the conservatoris handis, quich wes the pryce of ane coard of skynnes quich wes sent to Campheir without any letter to any factor, or mark, or any persoun to owin the samyne, as lykwys how to dispos wpoun the sowme of sevintein pundis sevin schillingis vj d., Fleymmies, also lyand in the said conservatoris handis, as the just and equall halff of the sowme of threttie four lib. fyftein schilling, Fleymes, seased wpon by him and deteaned vnder confiscatione be him as ane pairt of the pryce of certane staple goodis sent to Rotterdam and sold thair be ane merchand in Edinburgh, the present comissioners ordaines the said sowme of three scoir lib. Fleymes to be lent wpoun suirtie to the kirksessione of Campheir, and that the poor sall have the vs of the money ay and quhill the richt owner clame the same, at quich tyme they salbe obleiged to delyver to the richt owner the said principall sowme, and the conservator to tak them obliged to that effect; as also ordaines the said conservator to delyver the other sowme of sevintein lib. 7s. 6d., Fleymes, to the agent of the burrowis, and the agent to be charged therwith in his accomptis; and the conservator to report his dilligence anent the disposing of the first sowme to the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis.

Conservator,
salt, missive.

16. Anent the 37 act of the last generall conventione of burrowis anent the establisching of salt to be ane staple commoditie, the present comissioneris ordaines the conseruator to deale with the magistratis of Campheir for that effect, provyding alwayes that nane sall haue libertie to transport the said comoditie but such as free burgessis of royall

burghis, wnder the paine to be censured as wnfreetreadderis, and that
 ua factor take wpoun him to resaw the said comoditie fra ony wnfreetreadder
 persone wnder the paine to be censured be the saidis burrowis at the nixt
 generall conventione of burrowis, and the conservator to intimat the samyn
 to the factoris and to report his dilligence heiranent to the nixt generall
 conventione of burrowis.

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 salt, missive.

17. Granted licence to the burghs of Nairne, Rutherglen, and Ramfrow to
 abide from all general conventions for seven years on the usual conditions.

18. The commissioners grantis the sowme of j^m merkis to be
 bestowed towardis the reparatioun of the harberie of Stanhyve, and
 ordaines ilk burgh to be warnit to bring thair pairtis thairto the nixt
 generall conventione.

Stanhyve, 1000
 merkes.

19. Anent the 40 act of the last generall conventione ordaining ilk
 factor to send ane accompt of the conservatoris dewis remaining in thair
 handis since the deposite of Sir Patrick Drumound, the present
 comissioneris doe acknowledg and allow the whole conservatoris dewis
 resting since the deposite of Sir Patrick Drumond, late conservator,
 quhilk wes in July 1640, to be due to the present conservator Thomas
 Cuninghame, and ordanes the factoris, thair widows and airis, in quhais
 handis the samyn lyes, to mak present payment of the samyn to him or
 to his deputis and collectoris for his vs, wnder the paines contained in the
 former actis of burrowis maid against refusers to pay the conservatoris
 dewis; and ordaines the conservator to send home ane extract of the
 saidis dewis since the saidis Sir Patrick Drumoundis deposite till the
 first of August 1644 to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis.

Conservator,
 dewes, missive.

20. The comissioneris of burrowis being conveyened anent the reference
 maid be the generall conventione of burrowis hauldin at Quenisferrey to
 this present particular conventioun anent the inrolling of the burgh of
 Inueraray amongst the number of the free royall burghis of this kingdome,
 compeared Donald Camerone, comissioner for the said burgh of Inueraray,
 and desyred, in respect of thair gift of erectioun formerlie produced at
 the said generall conventioun, to be inrolled amongst the number of the
 free royall burrowis of this kingdom conform to thair said erectioun, the
 present comissioneris haveing considerit thairto, and efter mature deli-
 beratioun, acceptis, inrollis, admittis and resauces the said burgh of
 Inueraray in the felloschipp, number, and societie of the free burghis

Inerray in-
 rolled, pro-
 testatione,
 Dunbartane.

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rolled, pro-
testatione,
Dumbartane.

royall of this kingdom, and ordaines them to have place in all conventiones particular and generall, and to be warnit thairto conforme to the ordour vsed in such caises ; as also ordaines the said burgh to send with thair comissioner to the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis thair approbatione, band, and oblisment for keipping all conventiones quherto they salbe warnit, and for obeying and fullfilling of all the actis and ordinances of the burrowis allreadie maid or to be maid and for governing of themselves accordingle and for bearing all such burdingis as salbe imposed wpoun them with the rest of the burrowis according to thair pairt of the taxt roll, and last, for procuring, manteaning, and assisting the remanent burrowis of thair liberties and privilegis according to thair power and abilitie, quhervnto the said Donald Cameron consentit and agreed and tuik instrumentis thairwpoun and band and oblisched him for sending of the band to the nixt generall conventione ; lykas, Maister James Campble, present comissioner for the burgh of Dumbartane, band and oblisched him as cautioner and sovertie for the said Donald Camerone for fullfilling of the premissis wnder the paine of xl lib. ; and ordaines ilk burgh to send thair comissioner sufficientlie instructed for stenting of the said burghe of Inueraray, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missiv. As also compeared Maister James Campbell, comissioner for the burgh of Dumbartane, and protestit the inrollment of the said burgh of Inueraray amongst the number of the free royall burrowis sould not be prejudiciall to the libertie of the said burgh of Dumbartane nor to any actione that they may intend befor the lordis against them and thair liberties, to quhom the saidis comissioneris reservis action *prout de jure*.

(Signed) DON. CAMERONE. J. CAMPBELL, *Cautioner*.

Complent,
Gibson, Plenderleyth, merchants in Edinburgh, against the conservator, for wrong done to them and other neighbours, the commissioners "finding the samyn to be verie scandalous and to reflexe much wpoun the conservatoris credit" ordained the supplicants to find caution to prosecute the complaint and pay a penalty if they fail in proving it.

21. A supplication having been given in by Robert Gibson and David Plenderleyth, merchants in Edinburgh, against the conservator, for wrong done to them and other neighbours, the commissioners "finding the samyn to be verie scandalous and to reflexe much wpoun the conservatoris credit" ordained the supplicants to find caution to prosecute the complaint and pay a penalty if they fail in proving it.

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Precentor at
Campheir,
school.

22. At the desire of the minister and session of the English kirk at Campheir, the commissioners approved of the admission of Mr Alexander

Cuming to be precentor, "and for keipping of ane Scotis scooll at the said toun of Campheir," in place of Thomas Muirhead deceased.

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23. The commissioners ratified and approved all acts of burghs made anent payment of the minister's dues at the staple port and ordained payment to be made of the same.

24. The conservator haveing presentit to the commissioneris of the burrowis the frane of the signe of the staple port of Campheir, the present commissioneris does approve the frane of the said signe and ordaines the said conservator to send the double of the samyne exactlie done to them be the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis.

Staple port.

25. Anent the complaint givin in to the burrowis be maister William Arnot, maister of the consergerie hous, complaining of the ill order keiped in the said hous be merchandis and thair servandis and maisteris of schippis resorting to the staple port at Campheir, which is especiallie occasioned by reasoun of certane Scottis boussis in Campheir quhich both ludges and gives dyet to severall merchandis and skipperis resorting thither, notwithstanding of sindrie actis of burrowis dischargeing the samyne ; as also that the saidis persones ar not free with the natione, the present comissioneris of burrowis haveing considderit the said complaint, and finding the samyne verie prejudiciall and tending much to the ruine and vndoeing of thair consergerie hous, thairfoir they ratefie and approve all actis formerlie maid dischargeing all factoris and vnfree persounes at Campheir from taping or selling of wyne, ale, or beir within the towne of Campheir, or keiping of dyet to the saidis merchandis or wtheris resorteing thither, wnder the paines contained in the saidis actis, and ordanes all merchandis and thair servandis and maisteris of schippis to keep thair ordinar at the said hous, and thos that keip not the ordinar hour of dyet to pay as if they wer present, and ordaines the said maister of the consergerie hous to provyd the samyne sufficientlie with good wictuall and good and sufficient drinking beir, and to provyd sufficient ludging for thes quhom he cannot ludge convenientlie himselff, and ordaines the conservator to sie the saidis actis put in executione.

Conservator,
consergerie.

26. Ordained the burghs of Glasgow, Dumbartan, Lanrick, and Ramfrow, to Air, Irving. deal for agreement of the difference between Air and Irving anent the imprisonment by the burgh of Irvine of a burgess of Air.

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chand tread in
Netherlands.

27. The comissioners of burrowis taking to thair serious consideratione how much the merchand tread and commerce of the kingdome to the Netherlandis thes many yearis hes bein and still is obstructed, wronged, and maniefastlie damnified by enterloperis, lorendryvers, staple-breakeris and strangeris, who most subtille indeavour to draw the verie substance and traffick of this kingdome into thair privat nettis, to the apparent inevitable overthrow of the merchand adventureris and consequentlie the ruyne of the sea tread of this cuntrie, and being verie sensible thair of, and no less willing and desyrus by all meanes possible to prevent, remeid, and hinder the same, to the end that in tymes cuming thair staple in the Low Cuntreyes (for the present at Campheir in Zeland) may be keipit inviolable one thair pairt, and also for the better ordouring of matteris and avoyding the many questiones, pleaes, and abusses and dissorderis and wther inconveniences at thair staple port affoirsaid, have thairfor heerby not onlie renewed, approven, ratefied and confirmed all and quhatsumever actis of burrowis maid in tymes past to that purpose, but also with full deliberatioun and vnanimous consent further ordained and be thir presentis ordaines—

(1.) That all maisteris of schippis be straitlie bound and inacted to take no staple waris aboard but such as ar intended for and directed to the staple port, and that he or thay wpoun thair aryvall at any wther place within the Low Cuntreyes to be obleadged befor his departure furth of the cuntrie to report to the conservator or his deput the quantitie, qualitie, and the rycht owneris names of the saidis goodis, or to transport, or caus be transported all staple wair to the staple port, and to report ane testificat thair of wnder the conservatouris hand or his deputis or clerk testifieing the same, wnder the pane of paying the double of his fraucht.

(2.) That all merchandis and burgessis within this kingdome be inhibited and forbidden to schipp or loaden any staple waires into Dutche schippis, or any other stranger schippis, but wpoun and efter sufficient securitie by them givin to the magistratis of the burgh quhair they resyd that such good ar by them intended and directed be them to na wther place, and that they sall not be offered, vented, nor sold but at the staple port, and to returne ane certificat thair of in manner foirsaid wnder the paine of ane vnlaw of the value of the 4 pairt of thair goodis.

(3.) That vpoun complaint of the conservatour or his deputis against

any merchand skipper or wtheris who sall have broken the staple and is escaped his hand and punischment in the Low Cuntryes, the pairtie offender salbe cited befor the burrowis and thair mak present satisfactioun to the rigour for his fault or find sufficient caution and be referred back to the conservator.

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(4.) That all merchandis and factoris at the staple port be inhibited and discharged from selling any staple wairis to any persoun or persounes quho salbe knowin and proved to have bought or caused to be bought for thair vse, directlie or indirectlie, any plaides, skynnes, hyddis, carsayes, or any wther sort of Scottis staple waires, ather at Roterdame, Amsterdame, or any wther place within the sevinteen provinces by and beyond the staple port, wnder the paine and wnlaw of tucntie pundis, Fleymes, for everie tyme they sall transgres.

(5.) That they be lykwys inhibited, wnder the paine and wnlaw affoirsaid, to sell any staple wairis to Dutch burgessis, merchandis, or factoris, to be layed wp for thair own vs or in commissioun and for the vs of any persoun or persounes quho salbe knowin ane treader and buyar of staple wairis in vther places nor at the staple port, directlie or indirectlie.

(6.) That in caice any goodis be damnified or inlaiking in any schipe the factoris or pairtie interessed sall give notice thair of to the conservator within four dayes efter wnloading of the said schipp, vtherwys to have no actione against the skipper.

(7.) That the factoris in thair owin persounes, or speciall servandis in thair absence, to attend wpoun the lossing and loading of the schippis, as also the skipperis or thair clarkis to do the same.

(8.) As also discharging all merchandis or thair servandis and all persouns quhatsumever (not being lawfullie admitted and entered in the conservatorie court book) to play the factor in buying nor selling any staple wairis but quhat belongeth to themselves and for thair owin and maisteris accompt, to the end that the factoris may the better attend wpoun thair calling and not be constrained to play the merchand or schift wtherwys for thair leyving contrair to thair oath and act of burrowis.

(9.) Ordaining the factoris to meit and conveen at certane set tymes, but especiallie in October and Februarie, or wpoun any sudden alteratione or fear of change, in presens of the conservator, to draw wpe ane comoun informatioun tucheing the pryces of all staple wairis and appearance of the

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mercat wnyformalie, [that] they may give notice and trew advertisment to thair merchandis in due tyme according to the list and prescript, to which they ought to be tyed wnder ane certane penaltie and not to be suffered everie one to wreat of the estate of the mercat at randome as oftentimes they doe muche abone the rate to the great prejudice of thair merchandis who efterward find the smart thair of.

(10.) That all skipperis cuming to the staple port with staple waires sall have ane formall chartour pairtie for the pryce of thair conditioned fraucht subscriuit be ane competent number of thair merchandis frauchteris, to the end that all questiones arysing ordinarilie wpoun the different wrytingis of merchandis to thair factoris may be avoyded.

(11.) That the skipper, immediatelie wpoun thair aryvall at the staple port, delyver thair coquetis to the conservator or his clark, to the end that the entres in the custome hous thar of all staple wairis may be maid be the conservator clark, and that no wther persoun or persones to tak wpoun hand to wreat the samyne, that so all disordour and inconveniencies arysing thairfra may be prevented.

(12.) That the merchandis assignmendis wpoun the factoris or the factoris notes and promeis for accompt of thair merchandis may be absolut payment to the merchandis and induellers in the Low Cuntreyes, and especiallie at the staple port and other townes within the Isle of Walche, and that all factoris and merchandis sall ceas to bargane with any in the said Low Cuntreyes and Illand that will not consent to the premissis.

(13.) That the conservator grant no warrantis of arrestment wpone any persones goodis or moneyes, vnles the pairtie arrester find sufficient cautioun to persew his actioun in tyme convenient befor the conservator court, and incaice of failye or that efter the proces be intendit, hard, and discussed, he be found in the wrong, to pay all coast, skaith, and damage, interest and expenssis of the pairtie innocent defender.

(14.) That no factor or wther priuiledged persone or persones residentis at the said staple port salbe cited to compear personallie befor the burrowis at the instance of any merchand or indueller in this kingdome vnles the pairtie complaner first have fund and put in sufficient cautione for payment of all lawfull charges and expenssis of the pairtie cited, at the discretione and modificatioun of the saidis burrowis, incaice he be declaired and found innocent and absolved, but that the saidis

factoris and privileged persones of the Scotis natione resyding at the staple port for pryvat questiones and differences between them and any merchand or subject of this kingdome salbe first legallie persewed befor the conservatorie court as thair ordinarie judge at the staple port and not to be cited and called home to this kingdome so long as he refuseth not to compear, ansuer, and submitt himselff to the said conservator his competent judge and to obey and performe the sentences and decreitis thair of, and this for eschewing of severall inconveniences that may follow heirwpown.

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(15.) That the conservator be authorized and requyred *ex officio* to see the latter willis and testamentis of deceased factouris and all wtheris of the Scotisch natioune residentis at the staple port duellie performed and put in execution, thair children and orphanes and wtheris thair airis, belonging or subject to the staple, provyded with honest responsible tutouris and administratouris who ar to find sufficient cautoun (if requyred) for thair intromissione and faithfulness and not to dispone of any meanes or moneyis, goodis or geir, moveable or immoveable, without special consent and approbatione of the conservator; and that hencefurth no testamentis or latter willis be maid be any of the natione residerent or occasionlie attending his effairs at the staple port but by the conservator clark, and to be recorded by him in the conservatorie court bookis; and all vther testamentis, latter willis, and wreatis drawin vp, penned, and past befor any wther clark, nottar, or secretarie, or whatsumever persoun or wreater els, to be null and voyd wntill the same be maid authentick and have the approbatione of the conservator or his deputis; and if any persoun, man or woman, merchand or factor, or any wther residerent or treader, at or wnder the subjectione and privileges of the staple, happin to depairt this lyff within the Low Cuntreyes without haveing maid any latter will or testament, in such ane caice the conservator sall caus his clark tak ane particular inventar of the estat, goods and geir of the defunct, and have ane speciall cair that the same be furthcumand to the creditouris and lawfull airis according to equitie and conscience and the lawis of this kingdome.

(16.) As also the saidis commissioneris declaires that all factoris and wtheris publict or privat persones belonging to the Scotis natione and staple, thair widowis, children and airis, salbe and remaine subject to the lawis of this kingdome ay and whill they have payed all and whole the debtis of the defunct due and justlie oweing to any persone or persones

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subjectis to this kingdome or staple aforesaid, or find sufficient caution to the conservator to that effect, which being performed they shall then have libertie (if they please that their occasion doe so require) to renounce and be by the conservator liberated from their said subjection, providing they pay for their said exoneration and libertie to the conservator or his deputies according to the rate of five per centum of their whole free estate, for the which the conservator shall have libertie to agree and compound, and the same to be for the use of the burrows.

(17.) That the conservator shall expressly inhibit the factoris and wheris of the Scottish nation residing and trafficking at the staple port not to buy, provide, and send home to Scotland, nor yet to advance or answer any money nor pass their word, band, ticket, bill or credit for any arms or ammunition bought in the Low Countries or any other place else for the accompt or use of any known malignant or enemies to the good cause and covenant of this kingdome, and to punish and take order with such as shall transgress.

(18.) That whosoever accuseth the conservator unjustly, or his deputies, or by false complaints or misinformations causeth him or them or any of them to be cited to compare before the burrows, shall upon conviction of the same be condemned in the penalty of 500 merks by and attour the conservator and his deputies charges, expenses, or damage, and to find sufficient caution to that effect before he shall be admitted to give in his complaint or raise any letters of citation against them.

Letter, Prince
of Orange,
clerk, missive.

28. The present commissioner ordaines their generall clerk in their names to write one letter to be direct to the Prince of Orange Marquis of Cambray intreating his honours to recommend earnestly to the lords of the admiralty of Zeland to provide ordinarie convoys for our staple ships, as also that his honours may be pleased to countenance and acknowledge the present conservator Thomas Cuninghame and to performe conditions to him and not to admit any other in that quality; as also to write to the magistrats of Cambray desiring them not to hear nor determine no matters of process concerning any of our nation till first they have given notice and required the presence of the conservator according to the staple contract, as also to perform all duties to the conservator both bygone and future and not to detain the same any longer from him, far less to countenance or acknowledge any other person in that quality.

29. The present comissioneris wpoun weightie consideratiounes and reasones moveing them have recalled and be thir presentis recallis the act of the conventioun hauldin at the burgh of [Jedburgh] the [8th] day of [July] j^m vj^e [xxx] yearis wherby the factoris of Campheir wer inhibited to marie wnder the paine of deprivatione of thair offices, and doe heirby further declair that the factoris affoirsaid sall hencefurth have libertie to marie when and quhersoever ane honest match and lawfull occasione sall present, provyding alwayes that befor the celebratione of the mariadg they pay to the conservator, as ane acknowledgment for thair said libertie, such ane sowme of money as his lordship sall judg in discretione to be ansuerable to thair present meanes and estate, so being that the said recognitione exceid not the sowme of ane hundreth nor be lower nor tuentie pundis, Fleymisch money, for the vs of the burrowis.

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Factors marry-
ing.

30. The commissioners, considering that the fees allowed by act of convention held at Kirkcaldie 9th August 1644 to the conservator's clerk and officer are insufficient "to manteine them in any honest fashione," allowed the clerk thirty stivers or five shillings, Flemish money, and the officers fifteen stivers for every action called in the conservatory court, and for other employment as the conservator shall appoint.

Conservator
clerk and offi-
ceris fees.

31. The present comissioneris, taking to consideratione that thair will not alwayis be found at the staple port ane sufficient number of discreit and qualified merchandis at the staple port to sit as iudges and assistoris with the conservator quhen severall necessar occasiones will occur, thairfoir the present comissioneris ordanes that in caice of necessitie and want of such merchandis so qualified that the conservator deput thes persones that ar elderis, decones for the tyme, and the maister of the conserjorie hous for the tyme, or any of them not being pairties interessed and being thairwnto requyred by the conservator, salbe obledged and ar heirby authoreised to sit as assessoris and judges with the conservator in his courtis for the due administratioune of justice to the subjectis of this kingdome residentis and trafickeris at the staple port affoirsaid in all tymes cuming.

Kirk-sessioun
at Campheir.

32. The present comissioneris haveing considert the large remonstrance and informatioun givin in by Thomas Cuninghame, present conservator, tuiching sea and burne coall, and his proceedingis with the

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act of parlia-
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magistrattis of Campheir to have the saidis coallis declared ane staple comoditie, together with the groundis and reasouns mentioned in his said remonstrance, hes approven and by thes presentis doe heartilie approw of the same and all the partis therof, declairing heirby that they ar willing and desyrows for thair pairtis that no coallis be transported out of the kingdome to any place in the Low Cuntreyes except onlie to the staple port of Campheir, and to the end that the same may tak effect and be established by ane act of parliament or secreit counsall they have nominated and appointed the comissioners for Edinburgh, Stirling, St Androis, Kirkcaldie and Dysert, or any three of them, togither with the conservator fairsaid who (*blank*) to meit with, confer, and informe the noblemen, gentillmen, and wtheris coall maisteris within this kingdome, and to vs the lawfull and honorable meanes for induceing and moveing of them to condescend thairvnto, and reallie to joyne and concurr with the burrowis for procuring the said act of parliament or act of secreit counsall, and firmlie establisching the said comoditie to be staple waires, and for bringing this matter to ane absolut perfectione wpoun the termes and conditiones expressed in the conservatoris remonstrance above-mentioned, for the which thes presentis salbe wnto them ane sufficient reasone, and the saidis burghis to report thair dilligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis.

Common post.

33. Ordained the agent to pay the common post £23 for attendance at conventions.

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Agent's
compts, mis-
sive.

34. Ordained the burghs to send to next general convention their shares of the agent's accounts, extending to £201, 17s. 4d., and of £5 sterling for his half-year's fee.

Burrowis
papers, agent,
Ramsay.

35. Ordained the agent to receive from John Ramsay such papers as concerns the burghs, and "allowed to Ramsay 800 merks in recompence of his bygane extraordinarie service."

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.EDINBURGH.
25 May 1650.

Edinburgh, Sir James Stewart, James Borthwick ; Pearth, Patrick Ros ; Dundie, Alexander Bowar ; Aberdeine, Johne Jaffray ; Stirling, Johne Schort ; Lynlithgow, Lues Monteith ; St Androis, James Suord ; Glasgow, George Porterfeild ; Air, Hew Kennedie ; Dysart, David Sym-sone ; Kirkcaldie, Robert Quhyt ; Bruntilland, George Gairdin ; King-horne, John Boswall ; Irving, Mr Robert Barclay ; Kirkcudbright, John Corsane ; Ramfrow, Johne Sprewll ; Lanrick, Gideon Jacke ; Carail, Alexander Cunninghame ; Rutherglen, Androw Pincartoune. [No com-missioners from the other thirty-nine burghs.]

25 May 1650.

1. Sir James Stewart, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator. Moderator.

2. The present comissioneris off burrowis appointis the burghes of Edinburcht, Glasgow, Haddingtoun, Stirling, Air, Coupar, Kirkcaldie, Dumbar, Jedburgh and Quenisferrie, or ony four of them, to visit the burghis and herberies of Bruntilland and Kinghorne wpoun Mononday immediatlíe preceeding the meiting of the generall conventione of burrowis, and that they tak speciall notice and tryall of the present conditione and estait therof, and that they report the samyn to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis.

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3. The comissioneris of burrowis presentlie conveened, considering Text roll. that the sowme of fourscoir thowsand merkis is now ordained be act of parliament to be payed by the royall burrowis in lieu of their proportione of foot of the present levie which they sould put out according to the listis and rollis of men in anno 1643, thairfoir, for the mair equall pay-ment of the said sowme, they doe appoint ilk burgh to pay their propor-tiones therof according to thair respective maintenance, and the particular

EDINBURGH. proportione of the said sowme payable be ilk burgh according to thair
8 June 1650. maintenance is as followis :—
Taxt roll.

	LI.	S.	D.		LI.	S.	D.
Edinburgh, . . .	19,200	0	0	Dumbartan, . . .	320	0	0
Pearth, . . .	2,133	6	8	Ramfrow, . . .	213	6	8
Dundie, . . .	3,733	6	8	Dumbar, . . .	586	13	4
Abirdein, . . .	3,555	11	2	Lanrick, . . .	320	0	0
Stirling, . . .	586	13	4	Abirbrothock, . . .	240	0	0
Linlithgow, . . .	960	0	0	Elgin, . . .	355	11	2
St Androis, . . .	1,777	15	0	Peibles, . . .	266	13	4
Glasgow, . . .	3,466	13	4	Carail, . . .	586	13	4
Air, . . .	746	13	4	Taine, . . .	266	13	4
Haddingtoun, . . .	960	10	0	Culros, . . .	240	0	0
Dysart, . . .	746	13	4	Bamff, . . .	177	15	8
Kirkcaldie, . . .	1,280	0	0	Whythorne, . . .	106	13	4
Coupar, . . .	586	13	4	Forfar, . . .	106	13	4
Monros, . . .	1,066	13	4	Rothsay, . . .	160	0	0
Anstruther Eister, . . .	426	13	4	Nairn, . . .	106	13	4
Dumfreis, . . .	888	17	9	Forres, . . .	160	0	0
Invernes, . . .	1,333	6	8	Rutherglen, . . .	106	13	4
Bruntilland, . . .	586	13	4	North Bervick, . . .	106	13	4
Innerkeything, . . .	266	13	4	Cullan, . . .	80	0	0
Kinghorn, . . .	240	0	0	Lauder, . . .	186	13	6
Brichane, . . .	320	0	0	Killreanie, . . .	80	0	0
Irving, . . .	533	6	8	Annand, . . .	53	6	8
Jedburgh, . . .	480	0	0	Lochmaben, . . .	53	6	8
Kirkcudbright, . . .	426	13	4	Sanqhar, . . .	53	6	8
Wigtoun, . . .	373	6	8	Galloway, . . .	26	13	4
Pitinweem, . . .	385	11	2	Dingwall, . . .	53	6	8
Dumfermling, . . .	453	6	8	Quinisferie, . . .	240	0	0
Anstruther Wester, . . .	160	0	0	Dornoch, . . .	80	0	0
Selkirk, . . .	355	11	2				

Commissioners
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wnlawit.

4. The present comissioneris of burrowis considdering the great prejudice that thair estait susteanes through the absence of severall comissioners of the royall burrowis from this present sessione of parliament quberin ther hes bein bussienes off so great concernment both to religione, the saffietie of the kingdome, and the weall of the whole royall burrowis, thairfoir the present comissioneris of burrowis wnlawis ilk burgh that have not sent any comissioneris to this present parliament

in the sam wnlaw appointed be act of parliament to be payit be absentis, and ordaines thair agent to doe his exact dilligence against them in obteaning payment therof, and to report his dilligence heiranent to the nixt particular conventione of burrowis that sall meit at the nixt sessione off parliament, and to be charged thairwith in his accomptis.

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5. Ordained the agent to pay £48 to the ordinary macers for their attendance at the present session of parliament.

Agent, mais-
seris.

6. The present comissioners of burrowis finding that there is now bussienes in hand that concerns the good of religion and the saffietie and peace of the kirk and kingdome befor the parliament, quhilk is likle to mak the parliament inclyne to command the present comissioneris of burrowis that attendis the parliament to stay frome the meiting of the generall conventioun of burrowis aproching, and that fearing that the parliament sould send thair express command for adjourning that meiting, thairfor the present commissioneris of burrowis, for preserveing the libertie and privedg of the royall burrowis, have thought it fitter that so many of the comissioners of burrowis as ar present at the generall conventioun sould adjourne themselues to the secound day of October nixt, to meit at Coupar, and that the act of prorogatione be ane sufficient intimatione to all the burrowis of the said meiting, and appointis ther clark to send ane express to them to schow this thair vnanimous desyr and resolutione and the necessitie of thair stay, wheranent thes salbe to him ane sufficient warrant.

Adjourning
the conven-
tione be the
burrowis.

7. Appointed Mr Robert Barclay and three others "to reveis the agentis accomptis and debursmentis and to report."

Agents
accompts.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at COUPAR.*

Stirling, Duncan Nairn; Hadingtoun, Harie Sleich; Coupar, George Jamesone, James Andersone; Wigtoun, Adam M'Kie; Dumfermling, William Walker; Abirbrothock, David Ramsay; Peibles, David Plenderleyth; Culros, George Wilsone; Cullen, John Ogiluie. [No commissioners from the other forty-nine burghs.]

COUPAR.
2 July 1650.

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2 July 1650.

2 July 1650.

Moderator.

Approach of
English army,
convention
prorogated.

1. George Jamesone, first in commission for Coupar, elected moderator.
2. The same day, forsameikle as the present comissioneris of burrowis taking to thair consideratioun the imminent danger quherin the estat of kirk and kingdome within this kingdome at this tyme standis through the unexpectit aproches of the Inglish armies to this kingdom both by sea and land, threatning no les then the ruyne of both, except the Lord prevent the samyn, and finding themselues obliged in conscience to prefer the pubick weall of kirk and kingdome to thair awin privat interest, and that the effairis now in hand will not convenientlie allow to thame so long tyme as to agitat and conclud wpone the heidis of the missive and wther necessar effairis that concernes the estait of burrowis, thairfoir have prorogat and conteanewed, lyk as they be thir presentis prorogatis and conteanewis this present generall meiting of burrowis to the first day of October nixt, being the first of that moneth, to be at the said burgh of Coupar, and ordaines ilk burgh to send ther comissioneris sufficientlie instructit for attending the said meiting the said day wnder the paines contained in the missive, and ordaines this present act to be ane sufficient wairning to the burrowis heir present for keiping the said dyet, and the samyn to be intimat to the remanent burrowis that ar absent, and that ilk burgh intimat the samyn to thair burghis at thair home cuming, and contenewis the haille heidis of the missive to be resolved and concludit wpon at the said tyme *in eodem statu quo nunc sunt*.

EDINBURGH.
12 August
1652.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

In the Generall Conventione of Burrowis hauldin at the burgh of Edinburgh, in obedience to the declaratione of the commissioneris of the parliament of the Commounwealth of England, for the tyme residing at Dalkeyth, quhilk declaratione is of the dait the tuentie fyft day of Merche j^m vj^c and fyftie tuo yeiris.

Commissioners.

Edinburgh, Johne Jossie, Johne Milne ; Pearth, Androw Butter ; Dundie, Sir Alexander Wedderburne ; Abirdein, George Cullen ; Stirling, William Barclay ; Lynlithgow, Androw Glen ; St Androis, James Suord ;

Glasgow, Daniell Wallace ; Hadingtoun, John M'Coull ; Dysart, James Halyburton ; Kirkcaldie, James Law ; Monros, James Pedie ; Coupar, George Jamiesone ; Innernes, Johne Forbes ; Bruntilland, Dauid Seatoun ; Innerkeything, Robert Broun ; Kinghorne, Robert Cuninghame ; Brichane, Dauid Donaldsone ; Jedburgh, Robert Rutherford ; Wigtoun, Thomas Stewart ; Pitinweme, George Suyne ; Selkirk, Mr John Angus ; Dumbartan, William Campbell ; Dumbar, Thomas Purves ; Abirbrothock, Thomas Hamiltoun ; Elgin, George Cuning ; Tain, Androw M'Culloch ; Culros, John Burnesyde ; Bamff, Thomas Sydserff ; Whithorne, Patrick Douglas ; Forfar, George Wood ; Forres, Robert Cook ; Rutherglen, Androw Scot ; Northberwick, John Livingtoun ; Cullen, James Forseith ; Queinsferrie, Williame Dundas ; Dornoch, Mr Robert Gordoun ; Air, Anstruther Eister, Dumfreis, Irving, Kirkcudbright, Dumfermeling, Anstruther Wester, Ramfrow, Lanrick, Peibles, Carail, Rothesay, Nairne, Lauder, Killrennie, Annand, Lochmabein, Sanchar, Galloway, and Dingwall (*blank*).

EDINBURGH.
12 August
1652.
Commissioners.

12 August 1652.

1. John Jossie, bailie, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator. Moderator.
2. Appointed the hours of meeting to be precisely kept, and late comers unawed. Hours of meeting.
3. Ordained that "no man sall speik the tyme of ane other mans speiking nor without leive askit and givine." Speiking.
4. The saidis comissioneris appointis Johne Jossie for Edinburgh, Sir Alexander Wederburn, comissioner for Dundie, and George Cullen for Abirdein, Androw Glen for Lithgow, James Suord for Saint Androis, to examyn the comissionis productit and to report thair oppinione thairanent in sua far as doeth concerne the qualificationes prescrybed be the actis of burrowis. Examineris of commissions.

13 August 1652.

5. The commissioners appointed by the preceding act reported "that all the commissiouns exhibit at this convention wer all qualified according to declaratione of the parliament of England and actis of burrowis, except" those of Anstruther Eister, Bamff, Queinsferrie and Dornoch,—the first because the per-

Examinatione
of the com-
missiones.

EDINBURGH.
13 August
1652.

Examinations
of the com-
missiones.

son appointed was not qualified and the commission limited and revocable, and the other three because the persons named were not residents trading in their burghs. The report was approved of under protest of the persons objected to that they would adhere to their commissions "and onlie be lyable to the judgment of the Inglish commissioneris."

Supplicationes,
burrowis to
the judgis
against 4
wnfrie mem-
bers.

6. The saidis comissioneris of burrowis takand to thair consideratione that if the saidis four commissioneris wer admitted to sit as memberis at thair meiting the actis and privilegiis of the burrowis wold be cleirlye infringed, and that it wes incombent to them to give ane supplicatione to the Inglis judgis appointed for reveising of commissionis desyryng that nothing may be done in relatione to the saids four comissionis contrar to the standing actis and privelegiis of the burrowis, and doe nominat and appoint the comissioneris of Edinburgh, Pearth, Dundie, Abirdein, and St Androis to delyver the samyn petitione to the saidis judgis, which supplicatione wes accordinglie delyverit to Judge Smyth [and] Judge March, in name and in presence of the rest of the judgis.

18 August 1652.

Supplicationes,
burrowis to the
judgis.

7. In presence of the saidis comissioneris of burrowis, compeared person-
allie Judge Mosley, Judge Smyth, Judge Owen, and Judge March, to quhome the said John Jossie, moderator forsaid, did declar that thair had bein ane supplicatione presented to theme in relatione to the saidis four comissioneris questioned be the saidis comissioneris of burrowis as inconsistent with the actis and privileges of the saidis burrowis, to the quhilk it wes replied be the said Judge March and Judge Smyth that efter consideratione of the said petitione and the declaratione of the parliament of England and the power and comissione granted to the saidis judgis for reveising of the saidis commissiones quhairby they find that ther wes no qualificationis requyrit to comissionis or comissioneris but such as ar contained in the declaratione forsaid; quhairwpon the said Johne Jossie, moderator forsaid, declared that he wes commandit to signifie to thair honouris that the burrowis wer verie desyrous to goe allongis for promoving of the vnione specifit in the said declaratione and that all obstructionis might be remowed furth of the way, and that for preservatione of thair privileges the saidis free burrowis thocht fit to mak thair protesta-

tione thairanent in presence of thair honouris, of the quhilk protestatione the tenor followis:—The commissioners of the free burrowis of Scotland now convened by authoritie of the parliament of the comonwealth of England for electing sevin persones to represent all the saidis burrowis consenting to the unione of Scotland in ane comounwealth with England, to attend the parliament of England or such as they sall appoint, as is directed by the declaratione bearing dait the 25 day of Merch 1652 yeiris and to haue power for effecting the matteris expressed in said declaratione, considdering that the personis wndirwrittin, viz., Mr Patrick Hay, Thomas Sydserrff, William Dundas, and Mr Robert Gordoun ar elected comissioneris frome the burghis of Anstruther Eister, Bamff, Quenisferie and Dornoch, be wertew of the several comissionis granted to them, which comissioneris, althocht they be allowed be the honorabill English comissioneris appointed for reveising of the comissionis as agreeable to the forme of the comissione set down in the declaratione emitted by the parliament of the comounwealth of England, yit considdering that the aboue-mentioned comissionis ar in materiall pointis concerning the qualifikatione of the personis comissionated contrar to the liberties and practisses of the saidis free burrowis of this natione in all former tymes obserued towardis the electione of comissioneris to publict meiting and conventionis, as, namelie, that it hes euer bein thair especiall richt and custome to elect no comissioneris but such as ar memberis of the incorporatione of the burgh, actuall inhabitantis within the same, and who bearis burding therwith in the extent rollis, taxationis, and comoun burthingis, such as non of the abone named persones comissionated ar, being strangeris and not actuall induellaris in the burghis from quhome they haue thair respectiue comissionis, who newer haue borne anie comoun burding therwith, and although they be admitted burgessis of the burgh yit that being onlie ane honorarie favor frequentlie gevin to strangeris or done at this tyme for pryvat respectis not tending to the publict good to such as ar not thair actuall inhabitantis and who wndirgois no comoun burthingis with theme. And the saidis comissioneris of the free burrowis of this natione now conveined as said is, forbearing at this tyme to pres strictlie thair liberties and former practissis, and desyring in ane vnanimous way, with the least contradic-tione that may be, to advance the publict good and endis proposed in the declaratione of the parliament of the comounwealth of England, doe thair-

EDINBURGH.
18 August
1652.

Election of
sevin furth of
the burrowis to
go to England
for making vp
the vnioun.

EDINBURGH.
18 August
1652.

Election of
sevin furth of
the burrowis to
go to Ingland
for making vp
the vnioun.

Comisioners
subscribit the
tender.

foir protest that the admitting of the foirsaidis persones to be comissioneris with them in this present meiting is and salbe without prejudice to the burrowis of thair liberties in tyme cuming and that this thair giving way to the saidis comissionis at this tyme salbe no preparative or prejudice to the burrowis in any wther caice quhatsumever in any wther tyme cuming.

8. The saidis judgis did present befor the saidis comissioneris of burrowis ane comissionc granted to them be the Lord St John, Major Generall Deanes, Major Richard Salloway, and Alderman [Robert] Tichburne, quhairby they were authorized to reveis the comissiones of schyris and burrowis, and to sic the saidis comissiones acceptit of and the tender subsigned, quhairwpon the haill comissioneris presenteris of comissiones in this present conventione as said is, excepting onlie William Campbell for Dumbartane and Mr John Angus for Selkirk (quho wer absent in respect of thair seiknes, and John Suyne for Pitinweem quha obtaned licence from the saidis burrowis to goe home for his necessar effairis) quho did not subscriue the tender, the rest all subscrivit the said tender of the parliament of England contained in the said declaratione wpone parchment in presence of the saidis judgis.

Thomsone,
clark.

9. The saidis comissioneris of the burrowis of this natione presentlie conveened, taking to thair serious consideratione that William Thomsone, now clark of Edinburgh, wes formerlie admittit conjunct clark to the burrowis with wmqhill maister Alexander Guthrie in anno 1646, and that the said William Thomsone wes never deposed by any act of thair burrowis extant wpon record, as also that the said place of the clarkschippe of the burrowis is now waikand, thairfoir they doe all now in ane voice nominat, elect, and choise the said William Thomsone to be thair sole generall clark duiring thair pleasur, with power to him to exerce the samyn and to bruik and injoy all privilegijs, fees, and casualties thairto belonging, or which ever belonged to any of thair former clarkis; and heirby the saidis comissioneris of free burrowis declair thair pleasur that any former act maid in favouris of thair former clarkis shall frome this tyme forth be of no force and ineffectuall, which they ordaine to be intimat to all the burrowis, to the end that at thair nixt generall conventione the samyn may be ratefied; lykas, the said William Thomsone, compearand in presence of the saidis comissioneris, gaue his oath to administrat and exerce the said place (now confere wpon him as said is) faithfullie, and

therwpon he did tak instrumentis in the handis of Sir Alexander Wederburne, nottar publict, and ane of the saidis comissioneris.

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1652.

10. The saidis comissioneris of burrowis, finding that many of the comissionis at this tym produced haue in thame severall informalities quhairby the honorabill judgis appointed be the comissioneris of the parliament of the comounwealth of England laitlie at Dalkeyth for reveising of the saidis comissionis mak scruple to accept of them as not being in some pointis conforme to the declaratione of the parliament of England, namelie, that some of them bear to be daited in August instant, wtheris of them want in the first lyne the wordis of the comissione, viz., Burgessis and Nychtbouris, with some wther circumstantiall escapes in wordis and syllablis; thairfoir and least the saidis comissiones may be cast and not accepted of be the saidis judgis, to the great prejudice not onlie of the burrowis which they represent but to the present weichtie effaires, the saidis comissioneris of free burrowis doe heirby ordaine and authorize William Thomsone, thair clark, to rectifie all the saidis comissiones by delaiting interlyning, or margining such phrases, wordis, and sillables as he findis therin defective, and for making of the saidis comissiones formallie to correspond with the tenor and intent of the said declaratione, and [being] so rectefied to delyver the samyn to Judge March to be disposed of be him as he and the remanent judges sall think fit, and to keip copies of them registrat apairt, quheranent thir presentis salbe wnto him ane sufficient warrant.

Informalitie of
comissiones,
clark.

11. The comissioneris presentlie conveened, being at this tyme greatlie pressed withe publict effairis in relatione to the vnione betuixt the tuo natiounes, in sua farr as they have not so much tyme allowed thame to treat and conclud wpon the heidis of thair missive which wes appointed to be concludit at the burgh of Coupar, and of the missive sent to them be the toun of Edinburgh, thairfoir they have appointed the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Abirdein, Stirling, Lynlithgow, Sanct Androis, Glasgow, Haddingtoun, Bruntilland, Dysart, Kirkcaldie, Dumfermling, Inuernes, Elgin, Monros, Queinsferrie, Dumbar, Coupar, to send thair comissioneris sufficientlie instructit to meit and convein at the burgh of Edinburgh wpon the thrid Wednesday of November nixt being the 26 day of the said moneth, and thair to treat and conclud wpon the heidis and articles of the saidis missives and wtheris particularis,

Edinburgh,
Perth, Dun-
die, etc., par-
ticular conven-
tione.

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emergencis, and references concerning the effaires of the burrowis, ilk burgh vnder the paine of ane hundreth pundis to be payed to the burrowis.

19 August 1652.

Incident
charges, 1000
lib. sterling,
comissioneris,
England.

12. The comissioneris of burrowis presentlie conveened, taking to thair consideratione that the twenty ane personis representatives of the schyres and burrowis who conforme to the declaratioune of the parliament of England ar to repaire to Londone (or to such other places as the said parliament of England sall think fit for perfytyng of the vnione) will stand in need of ane competent sowme of money to be bestowed wpon necessar incident charges, to wit, for the intertainment of ane able and qualified minister, secretarie, and counsellouris at law, requisit to attend and assist them, and to be wtherwys bestowed for the good and honour of the bussienes in hand and of this natione, thairfoir for the effectis foirsaid they think it necessar that the sowme of ane thousand pundis sterling is ane fit proportione for that effect, and that the saidis tuentie ane representatives, or such of them as they sall condescend vpon, doe consult and conclud with the right honourabill Major Generall Deane anent the most fitting and easie way for raising of the same.

20 August 1652.

Commission-
ers, Bamf and
Whithorn.

13. Thomas Sydserff, as commissioner for Banff, and Patrick Dowglas, as commissioner for Whythorn, appeared, and "haiffing producit thair respective commissiouns from the saidis burghs, and desyred to be admitted as commissioneris foirsaidis, wer requyred to goe to the Inglish judgis and to tak the tender, quhilk accordinglie they did . . . and sua wer acceptit comissioners for this tyme."

Thomson,
clark, England.

14. The saidis comissioneris of burrowis being informit that William Thomsone, thair generall clark, is imployit be the burgh of Edinburgh to goe to England in relatione to thair privat effairis, thinkis it fit that the said William Thomsone be intreatit, as they doe be thir presentis intreat him, to be assistant to such comissioneris of borrowis as salbe appointed to go to attend the parliament of the comounwealth of England, and at the nixt generall conventione his panis and indeavouris salbe takin to consideratione and he accordinglie rewaridit.

15. The comissioneris of the burrowis taking to thair consideratione ane motione maid be Johne Forbes, comissioner for Inuernes, that the conventionis of the burghis sould be haldin some tyme in one and somtyme in another corner of the natione, to the intent that the estait of each burgh may be the better knowin to the haill burrowis, the said burrowis approvis of the said motione and recomendis to the nixt particular conventione to be haldin at Edinburgh the 26 day of November, and this to be ane heid of the next missive, and that thai begin with the north.

EDINBURGH.
20 August
1652.
Burrowis meit-
ings.

16. Anent the complaint of Androw Grant, late provost of Pearth, for himself and other neighbours, against the magistrates, the commissioners before answer authorized the clerk to cite the parties to next particular convention.

Complaint,
Grant contra
magistratis of
Pearth.

17. The commissioners, considering the great abuses done by unfree traders who have deserted the free burghs, ordained the acts against them to be enforced, and the commissioners at next particular convention to exact an account of each burgh's diligence.

Vnfree tread-
deris.

18. Recommended the commissioners at next particular convention to consider the arrears due to George Cheyne, their servant.

Areiris,
Cheyne.

19. The commissioners authorize the burghs of Forres and Wigtoun to cite to next general convention such of their burgesses as have feued any part of the common lands without consent of the convention.

Forres, Wig-
toun, commoun
land.

20. The present commissioneris, efter serious deliberatione, have nominated and elected Johne Jossie, Johne Milne, Sir Alexander Wedderburne, George Cullen, Androw Glen, James Suord, and Daniell Wallace to be commissioneris to attend the parliament of England for perfytyng the treaty conforme to thair declaratione.

Commission-
ers.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
26 November
1652.

Edinburgh, Archibald Tod, Gilbert Somervell, James Elleis ; Pearth, Androw Butter ; Lynlithgow, Robert Stewart ; St Androis, Androw Carstairs ; Glasgow, Coline Campbell ; Hadingtoun, Johne Aytoun ; Bruntiland, George Gairdin ; Dysart, James Halyburtoun ; Kirkcaldie, James Law ; Dumfermling, James Reid ; Monros, James Pedie ; Dunbar, Jhone Purves ; Coupar, Johne Glasfurd ; Dundie, Abirdein, Stirling, Inuernes, Elgine and Quinsferie (*blank*).

EDINBURGH.
26 November
1652.

26 November 1652.

Moderator.
Hours of meeting.

Butter, deput
clark.

Certain bur-
rowis to con-
clud wpon
heids of mis-
sive.

1. Archibald Tod, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.
2. Meetings to begin at ten o'clock forenoon and two afternoon. Absentees after calling of the roll to pay six shillings.
3. Appointed James Butter substitute and depute for William Thomsone, their general clerk, during his absence "furth of this natione."
4. The commissioners of burrowis presentlie conveyned, for obedience of the elevint act of the last conventione . . . finding thair number so small that scarce ane quorum of thes wer conveyned that wer appointed to conveyn be the said act, and that the mater in hand wes of hie concernment, thairfor they have thocht fit to continew the hail articles contained in the said missive to be reasoned, voted, and concludit in the nixt ensuing generall conventione of burrowis to be hauldin at the said burgh of Coupar the first Tysday of Julij nixt.

30 November 1652.

Dumbar, com-
moun clark.

5. Anent the grivance representit to the present commissioners of burrowis be James Eleis, commissioner for the burgh of Edinburgh, against the magistratis and counsall of the burgh of Dumbar, anent the manner of the electione of thair commoun clark, it being ane mater that concerns the hail borrowis in generall, thairfor they ordane the burghs of Edinburgh and Hadingtoun, or any one of them, to send thair commissioneris to tak cognitione of the said matter, and to report, [and Dumbar to send thair commissioner sufficiently instructed to next general convention].

Coall and
candle fur-
nished to
guardis in
Fyf.

6. In presence of the commissioners of burrowis presentlie conveyned, compeared Andrew Carstairis, commissioner for the burgh of St Androis, and produced ane paper subscrivit be the preces for the schyre of Fyf, quhairin the heretouris and gentrie of the said schyre does offer to contribut with the burrowis of that schyre for the maintenance of the sojouris quartered within the saidis burghis and thair guardis with coall and candle according to the number of sojouris that sall happin to be quartered thairin, and recomendis the said offer to be representit to the commissioneris of burrowis who wer to meit at Edinburgh in November instant, and desyring that the samyn may be maid ane equal burding

through the haille schyres of this natione, and thairfoir the present commissioners hes nominat and appointed [the commissioners of Edinburgh, EDINBURGH.
30 November
1652. Pearth, Lythgow, St Androes, Haddingtoun, Monros and Dumbar] to repair to the towne of Dalkeyth, and thair to supplicat Generall Major Deanes that he wold interpon his auctoritie ordaining the gentrie and heretouris of the schyres to releive the burrowis of the burthen of coall and candle furnisched be them to the sojouris and thair guardis within thair burghis in respect the saidis burrowis haue lossed both thair stockis and tread quich wes the meanes of thair subsistence, and ordanes thair clark in thair names to draw wpe ane supplicatione in thair names to be presented to the said generall major to that effect.

Coall and
candle fur-
nished to
guardis in
Fyfe.

7. The agent produced his accounts of money due to him extending to £2231, 4s., consideration of which was delayed till next general convention. Agent
comptes.

1 December 1652.

8. The commissioneris of burrowis presentlie conveened, finding the difficulties and intrecaisie of the accomptis produced be Androw Grant of Balhagillis and the lait magistratis and counsellouris of the burgh of Pearth anent the matteris debaited betuixt them concerning the debtis contracted be the said towne since anno 1640, and anent the imployment of their commoun good, at length contained in thair respectiue papers producit in this present conventioun, thairfoir the saidis commissioneris appointis ane to be sent frome the burgh of Dundie and the present commissioneris of Lithgow, St Androis, Bruntilland, Coupar, and Dysart, or any three of them, the commissioner of Lithgow alwaies being one, to meit at the said burgh of Pearth the 15 day of Merch nixt, and thair to convey befor them all persones interessed in the said matter, and to tak cognitione and tryall quhat they find in the said matter [and report to nixt general convention].

Complant.
Grant, provost
of Pearth, ma-
gistrates, com-
moun good.

9. Anent the supplicatione presented to the burrowis be the factoris of Campheir desyring thame that seing the kirk of Campheir wes now waccand through the desertioun of Mr William Spang, thair lait minister, that they wold provyd ane qualyfied and able mane for supplieing of the said place and charge, and that ane competent stipend may be thoct wpone for his maintenance wntill the staple port be settled to thame, the

Minister at
Campheir.

EDINBURGH.
1 December
1652.

present commissioneris hes conteanewed the consideratione of this to the
nixt ensewing generall conventione.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
25 October
1653.

Edinburgh, Archibald Tod, provest ; James Eleis, Gilbert Somervell ;
Pearth, Andrew Butter ; Lynlithgow, George Bell ; St Androis, James
Suord and Andrew Carstairs ; Glasgow, James Bell ; Hadingtone, Johne
Aytoun ; Dysart, William Symsons ; Kirkcaldie, David Fergusone ;
Bruntilland, David Seatoun ; Jedburgh, Johne Rutherfurd, Robert
Rutherfurd ; Dumbar, James Lauder, George Forrest ; Arbroath, Johne
Auchterlonie ; Quinsferrie, Robert Hill ; Dundie, Abirdeine, Stirling,
Coupar, Monros, Anstruther Eister, Dumfreis, Kinghorne, Pitinweme,
Dumfermling, Anstruther Wester, Lauder, Peibles, Carail, Culros and
Selkirk (*blank*.)

25 October 1653.

Moderator.

1. Archibald Tod, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

Hours of
meeting.

2. Appointed the hours of meeting to be in the forenoon from nine till
twelve and in the afternoon to begin at two. Those absent at the calling of the
roll to be unlaued in 6s. 8d.

26 October 1653.

Staying of the
electione of
magistratis.

3. The commissioneris of burrowis being conveined, recomendis to
the provest and baillies of Edinburgh to wreat to William Thomsoun,
thair comoun clark, now at London, desyring him in ane moderat way
to try quhat maner of way the late order wes ischewed furth for staying
the electione of late of magistratis within free burrowis till ane new
ordour frome the counsell of stait, and quhat may be the sequele thair of,
and that William Thomsone mak his best vse of the samyn for the preser-
vatione of the liberties of the burrowis heirefter. Item, to schew in the
said letter to William Thomson that treading is now almost whollie takin
out of the handis of free burgessis and gild bretheren within the saidis
burrowis be such as have no freedome within the samyn free burrowis
and bear no portable chairges thairin.

Anent tread.

4. The saids comissioneris of burrowis appoint the comissioneris of EDINBURGH.
26 October
1653.
Pearth, St Androis, Lythgow, Glasgow, with John Merjoribankis, Androw Brysone, thesaurer to the burgh of Edinburgh, to pas tomorrow in the morning to Dalkeith to the right honorabill Collonell Robert Lilburne, commander in cheif of the forces in Scotland, and present the saidis comissioners supplicatione anent the eas of the assesmentis payed be the free burrowis, and to report thair dilligence heiranent in the efternoon to the saidis comissioneris.

5. Ordained the burgh of Stirling to send their commissioners to next general convention sufficiently instructed for giving an account of the election of their Stirling, elec-
tion.
magistrates.

6. Continued the whole heads of last general missive to be heads of the mis- Headis of mis-
sive of next general convention to be held at Edinburgh on the first Tuesday of
July next.
Headis of mis-
sive con-
teined.

7, 8. Continued till next general convention the supplications of the cautioners Cautione,
factors.
of John Wallace and Mr Thomas Lumsdean, factors in Campheir, to be freed of their obligations, and the factors were appointed then to appear and find caution of new.

9. Continued till next general convention the supplication of James Eleis, Exoneratione,
cautionerie,
Eleis.
merchant, to be exonered of his cautionery obligation for the deceased James Eleis, factor at Campheir.

27 October 1653.

10. Ordaines the burghis of Anstruther Easter, Bamff, Queinsferrie Election of
unfreemen,
commission-
eris.
and Dornoch, to send their comissioneris sufficientlie instructit to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis to ansuer for thair electione of sum respectiue persones to be comissioneris to the generall conventione of burrowis hauldin in Edinburgh in the moneth of August 1652, contrair to the privileges and actis of burrowis maid in the contrair.

11. The present comissioneris of burrowis recomendis to the Supplicatione
for eas of cese.
provest and baillies of Edinburgh to wreat in thair names to Alexander Jaffray, one of the comissioneris to the parliament at Londoun, and to Williame Thomsone, thair comoun clark, thair, or ather of theme as the saidis provest and baillies sall think expedient, anent the furthering of the granting of thair supplicatione this day presented to the commander in cheiff of the forces in Scotland for ane ease or abatment of the assessmentis payit be the free burrowis.

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27 October
1653.

Herberie of
Arbroath.

12. Ordained the burghs of Dundie and Monrois to send commissioners to visit the port and harbour of Arbrothock before 1st March next and to report its condition to next general convention.

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7 March 1654.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Archibald Tod, James Eleis, Johne Milne; Lynlithgow, George Bell; St Androis, James Suord; Haddingtoun, Johne Sleiche, Bruntilland, George Gairdin; Kinghorne, George Gourlay; Dumbar, Thomas Purves; Stirling, Dysart, Kirkcaldie, Coupar, Dumfermling, (*blank*).

7 March 1654.

Moderator.

1. Archibald Tod, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

Supplicat com
mander in
chief, coall.

2. The commissioneris presentlie convened anent the mater of the coall, they appoint the commissioneris for Edinburgh, Linlithgow, St Androis, Bruntilland, Haddingtoun, and Dumbar, being sex of thair number, to meit with the gentlmen and heritouris of East Louthiane and to consult anent the drawing wp of ane supplicatione to the commander in chief desyring him to interpon his autorite in causing the coall maisteris, thair coall greives, and coalliaris, to furnisch the inhabitantes of the natione with coallis at the pryces and with the measure prescryved be actis of privie counsell granted for that effect and act of parliament ratefeing the saidis actis of counsell of the dait at Edinburgh the 20 Julij 1644 yearis.

8 March 1654.

Presenting of
supplications.

3. The saidis sex commissioneris of burrowis that ver appointed to meit with the heritouris and gentlemen of East Louthiane, they did nominat and appoint Johne Milne one of the commissioneris of Edinburgh, James Suord for St Androis, Johne Sleiche for Haddingtoun and Thomas Purves for Dumbar to goe with the saidis gentillmen of East Louthian to Dalkeith to present ane supplicatione to the commander-in-chieff to the effect abonewritten and to report thair dilligence heiranent at thair returne.

10 March 1654.

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10 March
1654.

4. The comissioneris that wer appointed to goe to Dalkeith to present the supplicatioun to the commander in cheiff did returne ane letter with the supplicatione inclosed thairin direct to the comissioneris for administratione of justice to the people of Scotland, earnestlie recomending to thame, as competent judges for such matteris, to favour the supplicantis in the matter contained in thair supplicatione, and appointis the burgh of Edinburgh to nominat certane persones to joyne with the gentlmen of East Louthiane to attend the judgis anent the prosecutione of the said mater contained in thair supplicatioun ; lykas they have nominat to that effect, with the burgh of Edinburgh, Lithgow, Haddingtoun and Dumbar, and to report thair dilligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis wnder the paine of tuentie lib.

The mater of
the coall.

5. Ratified the 6th act of the particular convention held in October 1653.

Heids of mis-
sive, nixt gene-
ral convention.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
4 July 1654.

Edinburgh, Archibald Tod, Robert Sandielandis, John Neill ; Pearth, Mr Johne Patersone ; Dundie, Robert Daudisone ; Abirdein, William Petrie ; Stirling, Cristopher Russell ; Lynlithgow, Robert Stewart ; St Androis, James Suord ; Glasgow, James Bell ; Haddingtoun, Patrik Young ; Kirkcaldie, Daud Fergusone ; Anstruther Easter, Alexander Black ; Bruntilland, Georg Gairdin ; Kinghorne, Robert Cunninghame ; Brichane, Daud Donaldsone ; Irving, Allane Dunlope ; Dumbartane, Walter Watson ; Dumbar, James Lauder ; Abirbrothock, Johne Auchterlonie ; Carail, Johne Daw ; Bamff, Patrick Stewart ; Forfar, George Wood ; Rutherglen, Johne Scot, younger ; Quensferrie, Robert Hill ; Air, Dysart, Coupar, Montros, Dumfreis, Innernes, Innerkeything, Jedburgh, Kirkcudbright, Wigtoun, Pitinweeme, Dumfermling, Anstruther Wester, Selkirk, Ramfrow, Lanrick, Elgine, Peibles, Taine, Culroise, Whithorne, Rothesay, Nairne, Forbes, North Berwick, Cullen, Lauder, Kilranie, Annand, Lochmaben, Sanquhair, Galloway, Dingwall, Dornoch and Inveraray (*blank*).

4 July 1654.

1. Archibald Tod, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

Tod, modera-
tor.

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4 July 1654.
Hours of
meeting.

2. Hours of meeting to be from nine till twelve, and from two till six.
Regulations as to attendance, speaking, and voting same as formerly.

5 July 1654.

Committie,
missive,
articles.

3. Appointed the commissioners of Edinburgh and nine other burghs to
"be ane committie for discussing of the severall articles of the missiue relating
to payment of sowmes of money and supplicationis."

Wigtoun,
Rothesay.

4, 5. Continued till next general convention the matters mentioned in the 5th
and 8th acts of last general convention to be heads of next missive, and unlawed
the burghs of Wigtoun and Rothesay in £20 each for absence.

Charter, Loch-
maben.

6. The agent reported that, as required by the 10th act of last general con-
vention, he had raised letters against James Maxwell for exhibition of the charter
of the common lands of Lochmaben. The agent was ordained to produce his
diligence to next convention, and the burghs of Dumfreis and Selkirk to report
their visitation of the common lands.

Lanrick.

7. Continued till next general convention the matter referred to in the 11th
act of last general convention, and unlawed the burgh of Lanark in £20 for
absence.

Nairne, etc.,
unfree
traders.

8. The commissioners reported their diligence against unfree traders under the
4th act of the particular convention held in July 1649. The burghs of Nairn,
Cullen, and Rothesay were ordained to report to next general convention their
diligence in prosecuting unfree traders.

Lanrick, com-
mon lands.

9. Continued till next general convention the matter referred to in the 7th
act of the particular convention held in July 1649.

Quinisferrie.

10. Referring to the 12th act of the particular convention held in July 1649,
as to setting the common muir, the commissioner for Queensferrie reported "they
had set ane tak to ane countrie gentilman," of which the commissioners approved,
and ordained the burgh to do likewise in future.

Dundie, etc.

11. Referring to the 13th act of the particular convention held in July 1649,
ordained the burghs therein mentioned to report to next general convention
"thair diligence in visiting of the burrowmuir of Pearth."

Bruntilland,
Kinghorne.

12. Continewis the supplicatione givin in to the burrowis be the
burghis of Bruntilland and Kinghorne craving supplie for repairing of
thair herberies to be ane head of the nixt missive.

Conservatour,
kirk sessioun
of Campheir,
missive.

13. Anent the 15 act of the said particular conventione of burrowis
ordaining the conservatour to report his dilligence in lending to the kirk
sessiounes of Campheir for lending to the poor the sowme of threescoir
pundis Fleymes, lyand in his handis as the pryce of ane coord of skynnes

which wes sent to Campheir without ane letter to ane factour or merchant, or any persones ouine the same, the present comissioneris of burrowis ordaines thair generall clark to wreat to the conservatour to that effect, and, in dealling with the magistratis of Campheir for establisching of salt to be ane staple comoditie, and sending of ane accompt of his dewis that remanes in the factouris handis since the deprivatione of Sir Patrick Drumond ; as also to wreat to the haill factoures at Campveer to repair home against the nixt generall conventione for finding cautione of new againe for doeing thair dewtie in thair saidis offices wnder the paine of deprivatione, and the clark to report his dilligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis.

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Conservatour,
kirk sessioun
of Campheir,
missive.

14. Anent the 16 act of the generall conventione of burrowis hauldin at Bruntilland the first of September 1648 yearis anent the difference betuix the burghis of Air and Irving, the comissioneris thane conveyined fand and declaired that the burgh of Irving had done wrong in imprisoning of John M'Cletchie, burges of Air, befor the decyding of thair richt, and ordaining the burgh of Irving to desyst from persecuting the said John M'Cletchie, principall, or his cautioner, for the sowme of 200 lib. quhairin he wes fyned, and if allreadie they have exacted the said fyne ather in haill or in pairt frome the said cautioner, to delyver back the same wntill which tyme the questione of thair richtis be decydit befor the ordinar judge, and ordaining the burghis of Glasgow, Dumbartane, Rutherglen, and Ramfrew to deall for ane amicabl agreement in the said matter, the present comissioneris of burrowis ratefies and approves the said act in the haill heidis and articles thair of, and ordanis the said burgh of Irving to give back the money which they haue exacted frome the said John M'Cletchie and his cautioner befor the first of October nixt, wnder the paine of 200 lib. by and attover the repayment of what is exacted, and to desist frome trubling of theme any farder till thair richtis be decydit befor the ordinar judge ; and in the mean tyme ordaines the saidis burghis of Glasgow, Dumbartan, Linlithgow and Ramfrew to deall for ane amicabl agreement of the said matter, and Glasgow to conveyin the rest.

Irving, Air,
M'Cletchie,
missive.

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15. Continued till next general convention the matter mentioned in the 32d act of the particular convention held in July 1649.

Coal, staple
commoditie.

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Thomson, clerk to the burrowis. Yairlie meitingis.

Dumbar, common clerk.

16. The commissioners ratified, approved, and confirmed the 9th act of the general convention of 1652.

17. Referring to the 15th act of the general convention of 1652, "the present commissioneris containewis this article to be ane heid of the next missive."

18. Anent the 5 act of the last particular conventioun of burrowis haldin at Edinburgh in November 1652 . . . compeared Patrick Yowing, commissioner for the burgh of Hadingtoun, and declaired that he had sein the forme of thair electione of thair said comoun clerk and had fund the same to be formall in all pointes except in that the said burgh, contrair to the constitutione of burrowis, had maid venditione thair of and takin ane band of thair said clerk for payment to the said burgh of the sowme of fyve hundreth merkis, as also produced severall actis of the saidis burghis evidencing the treuth thair of, the present commissioneris of burrowis findis the burgh of Dumbar to haue done wrong in making venditione of the said place, and thairfor ordaines the said burgh to delyver back the band to the said clerk agane, and approvis the forme of thair electione in all vthair pointis, and ordaines the said burgh to report thair dilligence in redelyvering of the band to the next generall conventioun.

Arbroath, common milne.

19. Referring to the 9th act of the general convention of 1649, the commissioner of Arbroath "declaired that they had no chartor of thair milne and milne landis apairt, seing it wes built be thair burgh vpon ane peace of thair commoun landis, with the which declaratione the present commissioneris ar satisfied." Anent the 8th act of the particular convention held in July 1649, the commissioner of Arbroath produced the duplicate of the contract between them and Lord Ogilvie of their commonty. The commissioners ordained the burgh "to produce thair exact dilligence to the next generall conventioun in prosecuting the recoverie of thair commoun milne and milne landis to be annext to thair commoun good."

Delapidatione of common lands, Stirling.

20. Anent the [6th and 7th acts of last general convention,] compeared the agent with Cristopher Russell, commissioner for the burgh of Stirling, and declaired that they had vsed such dilligence as the iniquitie of the tymes wold permitt and that the proces intentit be them wes lying in maister George Norvell his handis, whilk the said maister George acknowledged, the present commissioneris of burrowis acceptis of thair dilligence for the tyme and ordanis the said burgh of Stirling with the

agent to report farder diligence heiranent to the nixt generall convention of burrowis vnder the paine of 20 lib. EDINBURGH.
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21. The agent produced letters of horning against the burghs mentioned in the 19th act of last general convention, and he was ordained to produce farther diligence to next general convention. Agent, diligence.

22. Anent the 22 act of the said last generall convention of burrowis ordaining ilk burgh to send thair comissioneris sufficientlie instructed anent the alteratione of the taxt roll of the borrowis to this present conventione, the present comissioners of burrowis, considering the smallnes of the number of the burrowis at this meiting and the lownes of the conditione of each burgh occasioned through trubles of the tyme, thairfoir they haw continewed the same to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Alteratione,
taxt roll.

23. Ordained the matters referred to in the 5th and 6th acts of the particular convention held in July 1649 to be heads of the next missive, and each burgh to report their diligence to next general convention. Measures,
victuall, etc.

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24. Anent the 8 act of the particular conventione of burrowis hauldin at Edinburgh in November 1652 ordaining the burghis of Dundie, Lynlithgow, St Androis, Bruntilland, Coupar and Dysart, or any three of them, the comissioner of Lynlithgow allwaies being one, to meat at the burgh of Pearth the 15 day of Merch thairefter to tak cognitione of the differences betuix Andro Grant, late provest of the said burgh, and the late and present magistrattis of the said burgh, anent the disposell of thair commoun good and wther debtis allegit contractit be the saidis magistrattis, compeared Robert Stewart, present commissioner for the burgh of Linlithgow, for himselff and in name of the rest of the comissioneris quha met at the said burgh, and presentit thair report anent the said difference, quherof the present comissioneris of borrowis did approve of and thairfoir ordained the samyne to be registrat in thair generall register quhairof the tenour followis :—At Pearth the 18 day of March the yeare of God 1653 yeires, wheras thair being ane complaint givin in be Andrew Grant of Barhaggillis, for himselff and in name of the remanent nyctbouris of the burgh of Pearth, against the lat magistratis Reports, magistrats of Pearth.

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Reports, magis-
trats of Perth.

and counsellouris of the said burgh, vnto the comissioneris of burrowis conveined in the particular conventione of burrowis at Edinburgh vpon the 26 and last dayes of November and first day of December last, mak- and mentione that thair wes ane number of debtis takin one be the provest, baillies, thesaurer, clark, and remanent counsall of the said burgh amounting to the sowme of 200,000 merkis, betuix anno 1640 and 1649, at the least in provest Arnotis tyme, and that by and attover 20,000 merkis yearlie of townis rent, for payment of whitch sowmes they wer daylie boastit for payment making to the creditouris by stenting as they haue allreaddie begune, but they having refused in respect they could not sie, nather could the saidis magistratis instruct, how the same sowmes had been employed for the publict good of the towne but applyed to some of thair awin privat vses, becaus the said magistratis, thesaurer, and clark refused to let thame sie what way the same sowmes wer employed, nather wer thair any such sowmes contained either in chairege or dischairege of thair thesaurer thair accomptis; as also that in November 1648 the estaites gaue ordour for puting of ane garisone of 400 men in the towne of Perth wnder Collonell Pitscottie for whitch burding they abated of the burghis manteanance 500 li. *per mensem* and ordained the burgh to pay onlie 220 lib. *per mensem* sua long as the garisone sould remane, notwithstanding the collectouris of the said burgh collected frome the inhabitantis thair of monethlie 472 lib. and ordained the saidis inhabitantis to advance four schillingis Scotis a day for ilk soldiour of 400 men, extending ilk moneth to 2450 lib., which wes to be repayed be Pitscottie ilk moneth out of the schyres manteanance as he sould refund the same frome maister Robert Prestoun, collectour of the schyr, and at the garysonis remowal which wes the 16 of Julij 1650, the garisone restit the inhabitantis tuo monethis and ane halff amounting to 6125 lib, wherof Pitscottie did leive with maister John Patersone 5000 lib., with ane ordour to maister Robert Prestoun and his deputis to pay the rest thair of to him for payment to the inhabitantis of the said burgh, quartereris and advanceris of the said garysone, whitch he yet keipis wp from thame, as at mair lenth is contained in the said complaint: The saidis comissioneris of burrowis having hard, sein, and considerit the foirsaid complaint abone-writtin givin in befor them be the said Androw Grant against the lat magistratis and counsellouris of the said burgh with thair ansuer to the

same, and finding the difficulties and intricacies of the accomptes producit be the said Androw Grant and the saidis magistratis ansueris thairto at length contained in thair respectiue papers vsed for that effect, thairfoir the saidis comissioneris of burrowis conveined at the said particular conventione haldin at Edinburgh the tyme fairsaid appointed one to be sent from the burgh of Dundie and the then present comissioners of Lynlithgow, St Androis, Bruntilland, Coupar and Dysart, or any three of them, the comissioner of Lynlithgow being one, to meit at the said burgh of Pearth the 15 day of March instant, and thair to conveyin befor them all persons interessed and to tak cognitione and tryell what they find thairin, and to produce thair dilligence thairanent in wreat wnder thair subscriptiones to the nixt generall conventione of borrowis; conforme to the whitich act, and ordinance and in obedience thairto, the comissioneris of borrowis wnderwrittin, thay ar to say, Robert Stewart, provest of Lynlithgow, Androw Carstairs, late baillie of St Androis, John Glasfurd, baillie of Coupar, and George Gairdin, baillie of Bruntilland, having met and conveined at the said burgh of Pearth this day in the counsallhous thairof, and haveing called the said Androw Grant befor thame who compeared and produced the said supplicatione and complaint with ane roll of the creditouris names fra whome the said sowme of 200,000 merkis wes alledgit to be borrowit, as also compeared Robert Arnot, lat provest, maister John Patersone, Patrick Ros, Archibald Lamb and Hew Nicoll, thesaurer of the said burgh, for themselues and in name of the said burgh, and producit ane ansuer to the said complaint with ane paper containing the roll of the creditouris contained in Androw Grantis list in ane colume and thair particular ansuer thairto in another colume thairof, togither with thair haill thesaureris accomptis since anno 1640, with the haill verificationes and instructionis of the same; and the saidis comissioners haveing hard, sein, and considderit the richtis, reasones, and allegationis of both the saidis pairties, and the paperis, wreatis, and comptes producit be them for instructing of the same, they find that the said burgh had bein addebitit the tyme lybillit in the sowme of 80,000 merkis or thairby, and that ther wes the sowme of 27,000 merkis thairof contractit befor anno 1640, and that ther wes synsyne at Mertimas 1648 the sowme of 28,000 merkis thairof payed to divers of thair creditouris as thair retined bandis and discharges thairwpon producit did testifie, and that now the said

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towne is onlie adebtit, restand avand the sowme of 50,000 merkis or thairby ; lyk as the saidis commissioneris findis that the yeirlye patrimonie and comoun good of the said burgh hes bein meddlit and intronettit with be the thesaurer of the said burgh and chairgit in thair yearlie accomptis, and the same, with the sowmes of money contractit be the said burgh, applyed and imployed for the publict vse of the same, as the thesaurers accomptis sein and pervsed be them does verifie. As to the second pairt of the said Androw Grantis complaint that the said burgh wes stented and payed 472 lib. *per mensem* for mentenance quhair onlie 220 lib. wes thair proportione, the saidis comissioneris findis that the saidis magistratis by thair ansuer givin in befor them thairto does confes the same and that they resaut frome maister Robert Prestoun, collectour, in money and allowance of subsequent moneyes 300 lib. whitch, with the half of 1412 lib. collectit be the burghis collectour, the comissioneris findis that the same wes imployed be them for the townes vse although not to the vse of repaying of the quarteris for the whitch it wes collectit and destinat ; and for the wther pairt of the 1412 lib., and some pairt of the wther stentis for maintenance formerlie collectit, they find it not cleirlye instructit how the same hes bein imployed. And as to the third pairt of the said Androw Grantis complaint anent Pitscotties rest, the saidis comissioneris findis that Pitscottie at the removeall of the garysone fra Pearth had payit in moneyes and givin ordour to maister John Patersone to resaue frome maister Robert Prestoun 4000 lib. or thairby to be givin to the inhabitantis of the said burgh wpon whome the souldiouris of the said garysone wes quartered, and that the said John had debursit the said sowme at command of the magistratis for the necessar effaris of the said burgh but not for the vse for whitch it wes appointed.

Clark, Coupar.

25. Ordaines thair generall clark in thair names to warne the burgh of Coupar to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis to ansuer to the complaint gevin in against thame be the burgh of Kirkcaldie for setting out thair commoun fairis to be kept at vnfree places.

Clark, con-
servator.

26. The present comissioneris of burrowis ordaines thair generall clark in thair names to wreat to the conservatour intreating him to deall with maister Robert Broun, quha now exerceses the place of ane minister at the towne of Campheir, to continew still to serue at the said cure untill the borrowis farder ordour, as also to know what sowmes of money be-

longing to the poor of the said towne remaines in his handis and James Weirs factouris, and to report ane ansuer thairof with the first convenient

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Clark, conservator.

Unlawfull commissioners.

27. Anent the 10 act of the last particular conventione of burrowis ordaining the burghis of Anstruther Easter, Bamf, Queinsferry and Dornoch to send their comissioneris sufficientlie instructit to ansuer for choysing of certane persones to be comissioneris for thair burghis to the generall conventione haldin at Edinburgh in August 1652, the present comissioneris dispensssis with the saidis burghis in respect of the tyme and occasione quhairfoir they maid choys of such persouns, and discharges any burgh heirefter wpon any pretext whatsumever to elect any comissioneris to attend any generall or particular conventiones but such as ar qualified conforme to the actes of burrowis mad thairanent, wnder the paine of 200 lib. ilk burgh.

28. Anent the supplicatione givin in be the burgh of Arbroath craiving ane new suplie for repairing of thair herberie, as also for payment of the sowme of 480 merkis dew be the burrowis to the said burgh, the present commissioneris of burrowis ordaines the said sowme of 480 merkis to be presentlie payit, and continewis the said supplicatione to be aneheid of the nixt missive.

Supplicatione, Arbroath. The last part of this act delet.

29. The present comissioneris of burrowis wnderstanding that seuerall of thair number who does meit with thame at generall and particular meitings, contrair to the actes of burrowes does desert the respectiue meitingis befor the subscryveing of the buik, notwithstanding thair comissiouns does ordain the contrair, for remeid quherof the present comissioneris of burrowis have statut and ordanit that na comissioner of burrowis haveing once present his comissione at any generall or particular conventione sall tak wpon hand to desert the said meiting till the buik be subscryvit, without the speciall licence and consent of the hail remanent burrowis, and that wnder the paine of 40 lib. to be payit to the borrowis.

Deserting meitings befor dissolving.

30. Referring to the supplication of the burgh of Craill for help to the repair of their harbour, the commissioners appointed the burghs of St Andrews, Coupar, Anstruther Easter and Kirkcaldy to visit the harbour on 2d August, and report its condition and the ability of the burgh to next general convention.

Supplication, Craill.

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Dumbartane,
common milne.

31. The present comissioneris of burrowis ordaines the burgh of Dumbartane, with the concurrence of the agent, to prosecut the actione intentit be theme against John Semple son to wmquhill John Simple, lat provest of thair burgh, anent recovering of thair comoun milne furth of his handis to be added to the comoun good of thair burgh.

Dumferme-
ling, Dumfreis,
unlaw absents.

32. Anent the supplicatione be way of missiwe lettres presentit to the comissioneris of burrowis frome the burghis of Dumfermling and Dumfreis desyring that they may be excused for not sending of thair comissioneris for attending of this present meiting of the burrowis in regaird of the danger of robbing be the way and wther hazardis and dangeris daylie falling out in thair burghis, occasioned be the Scottis souldieris daylie robing thair houssis, and taking away thair hors, the present comissioneris of burrowis refuissis to accept of thair excuis and thairfoir wnlawis the saidis burghis ilk ane of theme in the sowme of 20 lib. for thair absence from this present conventione, and ordaines the agent to exact the saidis wnlawis and to be chairged thairwith in his accomptes.

Excuis, Inner-
nes, Elgin,
Forres.

33. Anent the supplicatiouns be way of missive letteris presentit to the present comissioneris of the burrowis direct frome the burghes of Innernes, Elgyn, and Forres, desyring that they might be excused for not sending thair comissioner for attending the present conventione of borrowis in respect that both the armies lyes for the present in thes feildis, the present comissioneris of borrowis acceptes of thair excuissis and discharges the exacting of any wnlawis frome theme for thair absence provyding they ratefie and approw quhat is done at this present meiting and pay the dewes of the missive.

North Ber-
wick, Cullen,
exemptione.

34. Anent the supplicationis be way of missive letters direct frome the burghis of North Berwick and Cullen to the present comissioneris of borrowis presentlie conveyned, desyring that they may be excused for not sending thair comissioneris for attending this present meiting of burrowis in respect of thair inhabilitie to furnisch out thair comissioneris for attending the samyne, thair burghis being so far decayed, pairtlie be burding and wther insupportable burdingis, as also desyring ane exemptione frome sending thair comissioneris to attend thair meitingis for such ane competent space as the burrowis sould think fit, the present comissioneris of burrowis considdering the poor conditione of the saidis burghis, and being informed of the certantie of thair low conditione be the adjacent

burrowis, acceptis of thair excuissis for the caussis abonewrittin and grantis exemptione to the saidis burghis frome sending thair comissioneris for attending the generall and particular conventione of burrowis for the spaice of three yeares. [The exemptions are granted on the usual conditions of ratification of acts, &c.]

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North Ber-
wick, Cullen,
exemptione.

35. The commissioners relieved George Jardin of his cautionary obligation for John Wallace, factor at Campheir, and accepted John Downie with William and Robert Weir as his present cautioners.

Wallace,
factor, caution-
ers.

10 July 1654.

36. Anent the supplicatione givin in be the merchantis of the burgh of Haddingtoun against the magistratis, counsal, and craftes of the said burgh, compleaning that wnfriemen vsurpis the libertie of free burgessis within thair said burgh and ar not punisched be the magistratis thair of, and desyring that they may have ane dein of guild electit in thair burgh, conforme to the priviledge granted to them with the rest of the free burrowis of this natione, who may advert to such abussis and obviat the samyne, with severall wther abussis alledgit comitted be the said magistratis in thair electiones and in wther matteris, as the said supplicatione at mair lenth bearis, which being sein and considerit be the comissioneris of burrowis presentlie conveyined, togither with another supplicatione presented to them be the magistratis and counsal of the said burgh subscryuit be seuerall of the inhabitantis handis, with seuerall wther paperis produced be them, quhilkis all being seriouslie considerit be the present comissioneris of burrowis presentlie conveyined, finding the samyne to be of hie concernement and that the samyn may tend to ane great divisione in the said burgh if present remedie be not found to prevent the samyne, and both the saidis pairties being conveyined befor this present conventione of borrowis they both with one consent submittis the deceisione of all thair contraversies to the comissioneris of the borrowis as onlie competent judgis is such lyk caices ; thairfoir the present comissioneris of borrowis nominatis and appointis Robert Sandielandis and John Meikle for the burgh of Edinburgh, Robert Stewart for the burgh of Lithgow, George Gairdine for the burgh of Bruntilland, and James Lauder to be for the burgh of Dumbar, to meit and conveyin at the burgh of Hadding-

Supplicatione,
merchantis of
Haddingtoun
contra magis-
trats.

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Supplicatione,
merchantis,
Haddingtoun
contra magis-
trats.

toun the 9 day of August nixt, and thair to deall with the magistratis, merchantis, and haill inhabitantis of the said burgh for ane amicable de-
ceisone of all differences amongst thame, and the burgh of Hadingtoun
to be the conveyiner and to report thair dilligence heiranent to the nixt
generall conventione of the borrowis; and in the meane tyme that the
magistratis tak notice that peace may be keiped in thair burgh betuix
the saidis pairties, and the contraveineris thair of to be subject in payment
of ane wnlaw of three hundreth merkis.

Agent, Pearth.

37. Ordaines the agent to allow to the burgh of Pearth for the first
end of thair proportione of the missive the sowme of 100 merkis payed
be them to the maisseris in December 1650. [Each burgh to repay
the agent their share next general convention].

Supplicatione,
baxteris of
Tranent contra
Haddingtoun.

38. Anent the supplicatione givin in to the present comissioners of
burrowis be the baxteris of Tranent against the burgh of Haddingtoun for
stopping and impeding them to sell thair bread wpon the mercat dayes
befoir clevin houris in the forenoon, contrair to actis of burrowis and
parliament and custome of wther burghis, the present comissioneris of
burrowis having heard and considerit the said supplicatioune they find
the burgh of Hadingtoun to have done wrong in hindering the saidis
baxteris of Tranent frome selling of thair breid frome evineing to morning
as wther burghis permittis wnfrie baxteris to doe one public mercat dayes,
and thairfoir remittis to the comissioneris that ar appointed to meit at the
burgh of Hadingtoun in August nixt for composing the difference betuix
the magistratis and merchandis of that burgh to tak cognitione of the
said complaint and to remeid the same and to report thair dilligence to
the nixt generall conventione; and in the meane tyme to sell thair
bread wpon the publict mercat dayes frome morning to evining as in
wther burghis.

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Ramfrow, un-
free tredders.

39. On a supplication against the burgh of Ramfrow permitting unfree traders
within their jurisdiction, "and especiallie thes of Kilmalcolme and Greinock, to
salt heiring and set up chopis in thair tounes," the commissioners ordained Ram-
frow to produce to next general convention their diligence in punishing the unfree
traders.

Exemptione
Rutherglen.

40. Granted to the burgh of Rutherglen exemption from sending commis-

sioners to the convention of burghs for the space of three years, on the usual conditions. EDINBURGH.
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41. Ordained the agent to prosecute certain burghs for dues payable under several acts of convention. Agent, diligence, dewis.
Complaint,

42. Anent the complaint givin in be maister John Patersone, commissioner for the burgh of Perth, against John Mercer, somtyme thair comoun clark, representing to the comissioneris of burrowis presentlie conveyed that the said John Mercer had obtained sentence against thame to repossess him in the place and office of comoun clarkschip within thair burgh notwithstanding of the decreit of the lordis of sessione in anno 1642 and of the counsall at Perth adhearing thairto, and be the exercise of John Elder, thair lat clark, in the said place and office duiring his lyfytyme from July 1642 to July 1651, as also that the said John Mercer duiring [his charge] frome anno 1623 to 1642, being 19 yeiris, his deportment wes such that thair ar severall objectiounes against him in the exercise of his place and office, the want of counsall buikis, actis, recordis and registers, naway knowin to the said burgh the tyme foirsaid, the present comissioneris taking to thair considderatione the great inconveniences that may befall to the said burgh through the insufficiencie of one exerciseing the place of comoun clark within the said burgh, and for settling of any difference that may arys thairfra, have thairfoir ordained the burghis of Dundie, St Androis, Coupar, Burntilland and Kirkaldie to conveyn at the said burgh of Perth the 25 of July instant, three of them being ane quorum, and to tak inspectione of all the counsall and prothocall buikis, actis, recordis and registeris during the 19 yeiris the said John Mercer exerciseid the said place and office, and of the richt discharge of his dewitie, with power also to the said burrowis to conveyn the persouns befor tham and to compose the difference in the said particular, and to report thair dilligence heiranent to the nixt particular conventione of burrowis wndir the paine of 20 lib. ilk burgh. Perth contra
commoun
clark.

43. The present comissioneris of burrowis considering that severall bussienes may occur in relatione to the estat of burrowis to be resolved vpon befor thair comissioneris be chosen for attending the ensueing parliament at Londone in September nixt, and for giving them instructiones quhat they ar to demand for the maintenance of their privileges and keeping the samyn intair, for this effect they have nominat and Particular con-
ventiones.

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Particular con-
ventionne.

appointed the burghis of Edinburgh, Pearth, Dundie, Stirling, Abirdein, Lythgow, Sanct Androis, Glasgow, Haddingtoun, Bruntilland, Kirkaldie, Arbroath, Coupar, Kinghorne, Dumbar and Innerkeithing, to meit and convein at the burgh of Edinburgh the 15 day of August nixt, and thair to woit and conclud anent such effearis as most concernis the weall of the estait of burrowis at this present tyme; and becaus the particular sowmes efterfollowing (to wit)—[The burghs were ordained to send to the particular convention their proportional shares of certain sums enumerated in this act].

Clark dili-
gence. Had-
dington.

43 a. Ordaines thair generall clark to wreat to the magistratis of Haddingtoun to permitt the wnfree baxteris in Tranent to sell thair bread one the publict mercat dayes at any hour they pleas wntill such tyme as the comissioneris [repair to the said burgh] for composing of wther differences betuix the magistratis and merchandis of the said burgh and taking nottice of the supplicatione givin in be the baxteris of Tranent against the said burghe.

Lumsden, fac-
tor, suspendit.

44. On the supplication of Alexander Farquhair to be relieved of his cautionary obligation for Mr Thomas Lumsdene, factor at Campheir, the comissioneris suspended the latter from exercising his office till he found a new cautioner.

Irving and
Ramfrow.

This act delat.

45. Anent the supplicatione givin in to the present comissioneris of burrowis be Robert Stewart, provest of Lynlithgow, craving the sowme of 200 lib., with the annualrentis thair of since August 1638, for his attendance in the prosecutione of the actiones intendit be the burghis of Irving and Ramfrew against thair vnfreemen, and for payment thair of had ane act of burrowis granted in his favoures at Stirling in August 1648 yearis, the present comissioneris of burrowis continewes the same to be ane head of the nixt missive.

Supplicatione
merchandis of
Edinburgh
contra burghis.

45 a. Anent the supplicatione givin in be the burgessis of Edinburgh to the comissioneris of burrowis presentlie conveyned, compleaning that they ar much wronged in severall burghis quhair they trafficque at thair publict mercatis for buying of Scottis cloath and selling of thair commodities in the saidis burghis by heichting of thair customes, and in speciall maner at the burghis of Stirling, Lithgow, Kinghorne, Bruntilland, Dumfermling, Coupar, and Haddingtoun, fyning and incarcerating thame, alledging thair weichtis and measures to be wnjust; for remeid

heirof the present comissioneris of burrowis ordaines that the burghis of Stirling, Lithgow, Kinghorne, Bruntilland, Dumfermline, and Coupar be warnit to ansuer to the nixt particular conventione to the said complaint, and ordaines George Chancelour and Thomas George, two of the supplicantis, to attend thes that ar to repair to Hadingtoun the nynt day of August nixt for remeid the wrong done to them in the said burgh by heichting of thair customes ; and the weichtis and measuris of all such merchandis traffiqueris within this natioun about such commodities sall have thair weichtis and measuris merked be the deane of gild of the burgh of Edinburgh, and being so marked to be esteimed just and upricht, and the persones free from any such truble in tyme cuming, and ordaines ilk burgh to intimat the samyne to thair burghis at thair hame cuming.

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Supplicatione,
merchandis of
Edinburgh
contra burghis.

46. Anent the supplicatioune givin in be the burgh of Sanquhar to the present commissioneris of burrowis presentlie convened, complaining that they ar rated at ane third pairt moir in thair assessmentis nor thair proportioun will amount till conforme to the taxt roll, the present commissioneris of burrowis remittis the consideratione of the said supplicatioun to be ane heid of the nixt missive, and in the mean tyme ordaines the comissioneris of Lynlithgow and Sanct Androis to speik with maister Biltoun, thesaurer for the Inglis army, and to give him ane trew informatione of the just proportioun of the said burgh conforme to the taxt roll, and to deall with him that he wold give ordour to the collectour of the cess in that schyr not to exact any moir of the said burgh but conforme to thair just proportioun contained in the taxt roll.

Supplicatione,
Sanquhare,
missive.

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47. Referring to the 43d act of this convention, appointing the sum of £2863, 17s. 4d., to be presently paid to the agent, and the burghs to send their proportion to the particular convention in August, the commissioners ordained intimation to be given to certain burghs as follows :—The commissioner of St Andrews to intimate to all the burghs of Fyfe ; James Bell for Glasgow, to intimate to Ramfrow and Lanark ; David Donaldson for Brichane, to intimate to Montrose ; William Petir for Aberdeen, to intimate to Forres, Elgin, Nairn, Innernes, Dornoch, Dingwall and Taine ; John Paterson for Perth, to intimate to Culrose ; Walter Watsons for Dumbartane, to intimate to Rothesay and Inverary ; Patrik Young for Haddingtoun, to intimate to Lauder and North Berwik ;

Burrowis to be
warned to pay
thair partis of
2863 lib.

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Patrik Stewart for Bamff, to intimate to Cullen ; and the agent to intimate to Dumfreis, Jedburgh, Kirkcudbright, Wigtoun, Selkirk, Peibles, Whythorne, Annand, Lochmaben, Sanquhair and Galloway.

Supplicatione,
Suittie, con-
servator,
clark.

48. Anent the supplicatione givin in be the comissioneris off burrowis be George Suittie, younger, merchand in Edinburgh, desyring thame to give ordour to thair generall clark to wreat to the conservatour and magistratis of Campheir in favouris of the children of wmquhill Patrick Suittie, late factour at Campheir, desyring the saidis magistratis of Campheir with the conservatour to give thair assistance to the tutoris and curatoris of the said children to stop and impeded maister Thomas Lumsden, factour at the said toun, quho maried the relict of the said wmquhill Patrick Suittie and mother of the saidis children, frome delapidating of the childrens meanes and in recoverie of such of thair estaitis as ar delapidat allreadie be the said maister Thomas Lumsden.

Coal.

49. The present comissioneris of burrowis ordaines the burghis of Edinburgh, Lynlithgow, Haddingtoun, Dumbar and Bruntilland and Kirkcaldie to concurr with the agent anent the prosecutione of the coall bussines befor the ordinar judge.

Inneraray,
taxt roll.

50. The present comissioneris of burrowis wnderstanding that in Julij 1649 the burgh of Inneraray wes inrolled amongst the number of the free burrowis and that na proportione of the dewis payment hes bein layed wpon the said burgh, the present comissioneris of the burrowis hes appointed thair proportione of the taxt roll to be in all tyme heirefter four schillingis Scotis money of the hundreth lib.

Fynes, for-
faulted per-
sones, act of
grace.

52. The comissioneris of burrowis presentlie convened, taking to thair serious considderatione the havie prejudice and los which the most pairt of the able burgessis of the free burrowis ar lik to suffer by seuerall exceptionis contained in the act of grace wnles it sall pleas his Hienes the Lord Protectour and his counsall or ensewing parliament to rectifie and modifie the samen, especiallie the exceptione quhairby all creditouris ar debarred frome payment of any debtis contracted by foirfaulted personis efter the 18 of Aprill 1648, and by severall wther claussis of the said act, haue thairfoir thought it fitt and necessar that applicatione be maid to the comissioneris for clames, comissioneris for foirfaulted estaites, and all wther judicatories or comitties presentlie in power, and to solicit thame to mediat and interceid with the supreamie authoritie for remeid ; as

also the saidis comissioneris have thocht fitt that some able and weall qualefied persone be maid choys of to prosecut the said bussines wpon the chaarge and expenssis of the severall creditouris thairin concerned ; and to that effect gives power and comissione to the burghs of Edinburgh, Lithgow, and such wther nightbouring burghis as the burgh of Edinburgh sall advertise, to conveye thither and mak thair applicationes to the saidis comissioneris to the effect abonewrittin ; and give neid beis to mak choys of the said agent, and to doe everie thing els that may conduce to the furtherance of the said bussienes.

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Fynes, for-
falted per-
sones, act of
grace.

53. Orained the agent to pay to Androw Moncur, post, £40 for his bypast Moncur, post. services.

54. The present comissioneris of burrowis haue appointed the Coall. burghis of Edinburgh, Lithgow, Haddingtoun, Dumbar and Bruntilland to meit at Edinburgh the first Tysday of August nixt, and everie succeding Tysday of the succeding monethis, for prosecuting of the matter of the coall upon the charges of the burrowis.

55. Orained the burghs of Kirkcaldie and Hadingtoun to report their dili- Haddingtoun, gence in prosecuting unfree traders within the townes of Prestonpannes and New- Kirkcaldie, havine, and Kirkcaldie in punishing unfree traders in Linktoun and other places unfree tread- within their bounds. ders.

56. The commissioners unlawed the burghs absent from this convention in Burghs absent the sum of £20 each. unlawit.

57. Dissolved the present convention and appointed the next general conven- Edinburgh, tion to be held at Edinburgh, beginning 1st July next. nixt generall conventioun.

58. The commissioners discharged the agent from doing any diligence against Dundee. Dundee.

59. Appointed the agent to pay to George Chein £100 "for guid extra- George Chein. ordinarie paines and trouble."

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Edinburgh, Robert Sandielandis, Johne Meikle ; Pearth, Mr Johne Patersone ; Stirling, Christopher Russell ; Linlithgow, Robert Stewart ; Glasgow, James Bell ; Haddingtoun, Patrik Young ; Bruntilland, George Broune ; Innerkeything, Thomas Thomsone ; Dundie, Abirdeine, Sanct- androis, Kirkcaldie, Coupar, Arbroath, Kinghorne, Dumbar, (*blank*).

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Election,
moderator.

1. Archibald Tod, provost, and first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

16 August 1654.

Merchandise of
Edinburgh,
Haddingtoun.

2. [For performance of the 45a act of last general convention,] compared the present magistratis of the burgh of Haddingtoun and obliged thameselues of thair owin consentis to regulat thair customes, as followis to wit; for ilk load of merchand guidis cumming in at thair portis one the weiklie mercat dayes, tuelue penyes scotis, and at thair publict fairis, tua schilling scottis; and for ilk stand maill of ane dail length one thair weiklie mercat dayes, tuelue penyes, and one thair publict mercat dayes, tua schillingis; for the weyadge of each pack or half pack of woole, lynt, and such comodities, for ilk stane thair of four penyes, and for any quantitie about four stane and wndir, aucht penyes for ilk stane weight; item, for ilk back burding of guidis cuming in at thair portis, 6d; item, for ilk pack of Inglisch merchandice cuming in or going out at the port, ilk hors pack 2s.; item, for ilk hors pack of wooll cuming or going, 1s.; item, for ilk back burding of wooll, 6s.; item, the pack of wooll going out, 2s.; item, for ilk hors load of fisch, flesch, corne and all wther sort of wiveris at the port to pay onlie 4d; item, the back burdin thair of to pay 2d; item, ilk load of aill to pay 2d; item, for ilk burdin or four gallon barrell, 1d; item, for ilk hors load of plough-graith, cairtis, waines, saddis, harrowis, barrowis and siclik wthair geir, lame pottis, pitcheris, cuming or going out, 4d; item, ilk burdin thair of, 2d; item of ilk hors, meir or stage, going to the mercat, 1s; item, of ilk ox and cow going to the mercat, 1s; item, of ilk slaughter scheip or lambe, 2d; item, of ilk scoir of horse, 1s; item, of ilk suyne, 8d. With the which offer the present comissioneris of borrowis and the saidis compleaneris wer satisfied, and thairfor they ordean the saidis magistratis of Haddingtoun to mak ane act of thair counsall containing the table abonewrittin, ordaining thair customeris to exact the dewis and petti customes of the burgh conforme thairto, and the samyn to be mad publict and affixed wpon thair portis and publict places of thair burgh, to

the effect that no such wronge be comitted heirefter, and that ane double thairrof, togither with the saidis magistratis dilligence [as to] thair treadsmen within thair burgh, wpon quhat ground they exact auchte penyes (quhich they call boxpenyes) of all sort of merchandice imported to the said burgh [be delivered] to Robert Sandielandis, present comissioner for the burgh of Edinburgh, betuix and the first of Septembir nixt; and ordaines this present ordour to be obserued in the said burgh of Haddingtoun in all [time] heirefter, and the said burgh to report thair dilligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis wndir the paine of 20 lib.

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1654.
Merchandis of
Edinburgh,
Haddingtoun.

3. [The commissioners being ripely advised anent the 38th act of last general convention] and haveing called befor them the saidis magistratis of Haddingtoun and the saidis compleaneris, they decerne as followis (to wit) that the saidis outland baxters sall begin the saill of thair breid in summer and winter at nyn houris in the morning and to continew till night without interruption, and that they may sell bread to the value of sex penyes, 12d., 2s., four schillingis, and the samyn to be markit with i, ii, iiij and vj, provyding the samyn be sufficient stuff and in weight conforme to the pase of Haddingtoun; as also that all baxteris repairing to the said burgh and settis doune ane load of breid wpon the calsay of the said burgh to be sold sall inact themselues in the counsall buikis of Haddingtoun to grind each of them at the comoun mylnes of the said burgh ane chalder of wheat yearlie, and to begin the grinding thairrof in the beginning of Septembir nixt; with the which ordinance both the saidis pairties being contentit, the present comissioneris ordaines the samyne in all tym cuming to be inviolable keiped and the saidis baxteris to be milne free at all occasionis, they paying the ordinar dewis.

Baxteris, Had-
dingtoun.

17 August 1654.

4. The present commissioneris of burrowis taking to thair consideratione the supplicatione contained in the 36 act of the last generall conventione, [and in obedience to the order therein contained, Robert Sandielandis, John Meikle and Robert Stewart having met in Haddingtoun on 9th August instant] and haveing takine tryall of the electione of thair magistratis and constitutione of thair councell and have maid thair report

Election,
magistratis,
Haddingtoun,
missive.

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Election,
magistratis,
Haddingtoun,
missive.

to ws thairanent quhairin they find thair counsall to consist of thertie persouns, quhairof sevin merchandis and elevin labouris of ground and maltmen, and tuelue craftis men quhairof nyne deikins and ane baillie and the wther twa craftsmen counsellouris; quhich report being seriouslie considerit be the present comissioneris of burrowis they find the samyn to be contrair to the actes of parliament and burrowis, and thairfoir they haue reduced thair number to tuentie fyve persouns quhich schall consist of sextein merchandis quhairof thair salbe ten actuall traficking merchantis and sex that ar wnder no deykinrie and nyne craftismen to mak wp the said number of tuentie fyve, provyding that at Michaelmas nixt, or one thair ordinar day of electione, that thair provest, three baillies, and thesaurer be chosen out of the sextein merchandis proportionallie, to wit, three of the saidis number of the ten actuall merchandis and the wther tua of wther sex, and the leiting and voiceing to be and continew as in former tymes; and this to continew to be approvin or not approvin be the next generall conventione off burrowis; and as to that pairt of the supplicatione anent the electione of ane dein of gild in the said burgh it is continued to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Innerkeything,
unfree tread-
deris.

5. Ordained the agent to concur with the burgh of Innerkeything in "the prosecutione of ane actione intentit against them be certane chopmen."

Table, cus-
tomes, missive.

6. Anent the supplicatione givin in be the merchandis of Edinburgh to the present comissioneris of burrowis, craving that one universall cours may be takin through the hail free burghis of this natione that thair may be ane table in eache burgh of thair pettie customes, schoir dewis, and wther dewis of the burgh which may be conform to the table of Edinburgh, which may be maid publict and knowin to all repairing to the saidis mercatis, and that thair mettis and weichtis being marked by the dein of gild of Edinburgh, the samyn may be hauldin and reput just and wpricht and that they exact for weyadg [no more] nor the burgh of Edinburgh does.

bsents.

7. Unlaws the burghs absent from this convention in £20 each.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
1 November
1654.

Edinburgh, Archibald Tod, provest, Robert Sandilandis, baillie ;
Pearth, Androw Butter, provest ; Lithgow, Robert Stewart, provest ;
Glasgow, James Barnes, merchand ; St Androis, Andro Cairstaires,
merchand ; Haddingtoun, Johne Aytone ; Kirkcaldie, Dauid Fergusson,
merchand ; Anstruther Eister, Andro Martine, merchand ; Brunteland,
Dauid Seatoun ; Dumbar, George Forrest ; Dundie, Stirling, Monros,
Coupar, Jedburgh, Culros, (*blank*).

1 November 1654.

1. Archibald Tod, provost and first in commission for Edinburgh, elected
moderator. Election,
moderator.
2. Hours of meeting and regulations as to attendance and voting similar to
those of previous conventions. Hours of
meetings.

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3. The commissioners being informed that the burgh of Haddington had
advanced to William Thomson, commissioner attending the parliament in London,
£1200 Scots "for his entertainment in attending thair affairis thair," and the
burghs aftermentioned being joined with Haddington for payment of their pro-
portions, they ordained payment to be made as follows : Jedburgh, £192, 12s. ;
Dumbar, 135, 8s. ; Selkirk, £142, 13s. 4d. ; Peibles, £107 ; North Berwick,
£42, 16s. ; Lauder, £96, 6s. Commission-
eris dowes.

4. The present commissioneris of burrowis now conveened, having
seriouslie considerit ane act emitted by his Hienes the Protectour with
advyce of his counsall dischairging the exportatione of skin, wooll, hyd,
and wtheris suche comodities, furth of this Illand, and ordaining the
samyne to be maid vse of at home in manufactories to be erected for that
effect, as also the great impositione laid vpon salt, so that the samyn is mad
altogether vnusefull, and withall considering the low conditione quhair-
vnto the burrowis of this natione is now redacted through the long con-
tinewed truble thairin, and that treading, schipping, and money wes alto-
gether decayed within the samyne, and that the exportatione of thes
comodities wes onlie the meanes quhairby thair tread subsisted and
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wooll, salt.

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forraine comodities and money imported in the natione, without the which they ar altogether vnable for erecting of manufactories and improving of the saidis commodities thairin, without ane competent tyme be allowed them for exportatione of the saidis comodities, that treading may be againe established in the natione and schipping and money brocht in the samyn, without the which it is impossible for the estate of burrowis to subsist or to be in capacitie for improving of the saidis comodities in manufactories conform to the said act; thairfor the saidis comissioneris ordanis the burghis of Edinburgh, Lithgow, St Androis, and Bruntilland to draw ane draught of ane letter with instructiones anent the premissis to be sent to the comissioneris for the burrowis attending the parliament at Londoun that ane tyme may be granted to the burrowis of this natione and libertie of transportatione of thes comodities furth of the samyne for the caussis abonementionat; lyk as, the said comissioneris did draw ane draught of tuo letters, one to thair clark, Williame Thomsone, and another to the rest of thair comissioneris at Londone to the effect abonewrittin, and did present the samyne to the remanent comissioneris presentlie convened quha did approve thair of; and thairfor ordained Archibald Tod, moderatour, with thair deput clark, in thair names, to subscribe the samyn and direct the samyn as said is.

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Agent, dilligence, dewes.

5. Ordained the agent to do diligence against certain burghs for non-payment of their shares of £2863, 17s. 4d., mentioned in the 47th act of last general convention.

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Agent, debursments.

6. Ordained that the burghs send to next general convention their shares, of £194, 2s. 8d., disbursed by William Brown, their agent.

Supplicatio,
Lumsden
contra magis-
trattis of Cam-
pheid.

7. Anent the supplicatione presentit to the saidis borrowis be Mr Thomas Lumsden, factor at Campheid, desyring thame to give ordour to thair clark to wreat ane letter in his behalf to the magistratis at Campheid from whom the said maister Thomas had bocht ane galliot wpon thair warrandice wnder thair great scale, which galliot wes takin frome him be the admiraltie of Holland, that they sould mak ather good the galliot to

him or redelyver to him his money, as also to wreat to William Thomsone, EDINBURGH.
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thair clark, now attending the parliament at Londone, to deall with the
Protector to obteane ane letter frome him in his behalf to the saidis Supplicatio,
Lumsden
contra magis-
trattis of Cam-
pheir.
magistratis to the effect abonewrittin; quhilk desyr the saidis comission-
eris thocht resonable and thairfor ordanes thair clark in thair names to
wreat to the saidis magistratis in Campheir, as also to William Thomsone,
thair clark, to the effect abonewrittin.

8. Anent another supplicatione presentit be the said maister Thomas Complaint,
Lumsden
contra conser-
vator.
Lumsden to the saidis comissioneris of burrowis containing severall griv-
ances givin in be him against Sir Thomas Cuninghame, conservatour of the
Scotis priviledgis in the Low Cuntries, and subscriyvit with his hand, and
desyring that the said conservator may be warned be thair generall clark
to appear befor thame at the nixt generall conventione appointed to be at
Edinburgh in July nixt to ansuer to these articles contained in his lybell,
the present commissioneris haueing considerit the samyne, and finding that
if the said maister Thomas sall mak good all thes articles contained in
his complaint that the said conservatour hes done wrong, and thairfor
ordaines thair clark to cite the said conservatour to appeare befor thame
at the said nixt generall conventione in July nixt, being the yeir 1655,
and thir presentis salbe his warrand; as also considering that the ceiting
home of the said conservatour may be werie prejudiciall to him, and the
said maister Thomas not making good all or at least the most pairt of
thes articles libbellit be him against the said conservatour, thairfor they
ordaine the said maister Thomas to inact himself that if he fail in his
probatione of his allegances as said is, that in that caice he salbe lyable
to what censur it sall pleas the comissioneris of burrowis to lay wpon him;
lyk as, compeared the said maister Thomas Lumsden and inacted himselff
of his owin consent that if he failzied in the probationes of the hail
articles contained in his complaint against the said conservatour that he
salbe lyable to any censur it shall pleas the burrowis to lay wpon him for
satisfactione to the said conservatour of any damage or interest he sall
innocentlie susteane.

9. The present comissioneris of burrowis haveing directed tua letteris Articles anent
tread.
subscriyvit be the moderatour and thair deput clark in name of the
remanent comissioneris, one direct to William Thomsone, thair clark, and
another to the remanent comissioneris for the burrowis attending the parlia-

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ment at Londoun, with severall instructionis in relatione to the libertie of thair treading and priviledge of the burrowis, the quhilks instructionis the present comissioneris ordaines to be insert in thair generall register, quhair of the tenour followis :—*First*, that wee have licience to transport skine and hyddis to thes places without our cuntre which gives ane great pairt of the rys of our tread. *Secondlie*, that wee may transport our coall and salt to whatsoever places within or without this Illand in what boddomes the merchand may be best serued with for thair advantage. *Thirddie*, that wee have licence to import all comodities, speciallie salt, frome France or Spaine in what boddimes is most for the advantage of the merchand, which is the onlie thing that makis our salmond, beiff, and herring. *Fourthlie*, that all our goodis heir imported or exported be onlie lyable to pay impositione according to the customes settled heir by the lawis and buik of raites. *Fyftlie*, that as towardis this natione thair be no restraint of thes comodities wee cannot subsist without and that it salbe free for any stranger to import them though they be not the growth of the cuntrey he bringis thame frome. *Sextlie*, that wee may have our stapl at Campheir continewed to ws without change or alteratione for resait of thes stapl goods as befor, with all the priviledges thairto belonging also. *Seventhlie*, that the act in favoures of the souldiouris may be so qualified that non ar to exerceise thair respective callingis ather be themselues or servantis duiring the tyme they ar in charge in the armie, and that when they sall set wp they shall onlie set wpp in free burrowis wnto which they salbe subject to the government thair of in all thingis according to the lawes and customes of that place, without reseiding thairfra, and sall wndergo thair proportione of burding and wther portable chairges as wtheris in thair conditione of tread thair according to thair abilities. *Eighthlie*, that the burrowis for thair encouragment may have thair wonted proportione as the thrid in relatione to the representative of the government in parliament, and those to be maid chois of by the whole comissioneris frome the respectiue burrowis at such tymes as they salbe requyred. *Nynthlie*, that for some tyme the ces of the burrowis may be takin off or ane great pairt thair of becaus of thair great burding of quarteringis. *Tenthlie*, that the debtis contractit since the 18 of Appryll 1648, and also befor, the cantioneris be not freed but that the creditoures be provydit for since the most pairt of thes sownnes be-

longis to these of the burrowis. *Eleventhlie*, that ye will not be wanting for aiding by your best counsell and assistance such persones that shall have thair recours to yow to mediat with the parliament or counsall of estait or his Heighness for thair greit losses which they have sustained in any unwarrantabl way by sea or land since the lait warres and differences betuix the tuo nationes. And the saidis comissioneris of burrowis considering that the said bussienes now in hand is of so hie concernment in relation to the good of the haill estait of burrowis within this natione, and that walid and strong reasones wold be added to the instructiounes abonewrittin hauldin furth the extreame necessitie of thair desyres, and that vtheris thair vrgent effaires will not allow them so much tyme as to conclud vpon the saidis reasones to be added as said is, thairfoir they recomend the samyne to the burgh of Edinburgh to add to the saidis instructiounes the most walid and strong reasones they can think vpon for effectuating of thair desyres; and if the sowme of ane hundreth pund sterling be requyred be thair comissioneris attending the parliament at Londone for promoting of the said bussienes, they ordaine the said burgh of Edinburgh to advance the samyne and the haill burrowis to be lyabl in payment of thair proportione of the said sowme till some moir effectuell cours be takin for advanceing of moir money for effectuating of the said bussienes at the said parliament; as also that the said burgh of Edinburgh wold wreat to William Thomsone, thair clark, to deall with the remanent comissioneris comissionat frome the burrowis that if they sall sie any probabilitie in obteaning thair desyres in the said matter that they wold wreat to thair respective burghis frome whome they ar comissionat for the advance of such moneyes as salbe employed in obteaning thair libertie and freidome of tread and wther demandis contained in thair instructiounes.

10. Anent the desyr presentit to the saidis comissioneris of burrowis presentlie conveyned, be Robert Murray, one of the present baillies of Edinburgh, and severall wtheris persones quho ar interessed be foirfaulted persones, and desyring thair advyce and concurrence for preventing the great lossis that they with many of the inhabitantis of the burrowis may sustein, to whom foirfaulted persones ar addebtit in severall vast sowmes of money, if thair cautioneris salbe exempted from payment thairof, the present comissioneris remittis to the burgh of Edinburgh to

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wreat to the burghis of Inuernes, Abirdein, Dundie, St Androis, Stirling, Glasgow, Dumfreis and Haddingtoun that the saidis burghis wold each of thame acquaint thair nychtbouring burghs who wer adjoyned with them in choising of thair comissioneris for the present parliament at Londone of the samyn, that they with wtheris of the lyk interest may resolute wpone some effectuell cours for preventing so great ane los.

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PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Robert Sandielandis, John Milne; Pearth, Mr Johne Patersone; Lynlithgow, Robert Stewart; St Androis, Andrew Carstairs; Glasgow, James Poog; Haddingtoun, Richart Chaplane; Kirkcaldie, David Fergusone; Bruntilland, David Seatoun; Dumbear, James Kellie; Peibles, Alexander Williamsone; Culroise, William Pearsone; Queinsferrie, Robert Hill; Dundie, Stirling, Coupar, Anstruther Easter, Jedburgh, (*blank*).

7 February 1655.

Moderator. 1. Archibald Tod, provost, and first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

8 February 1655.

Customs.

2. The comissioneris of burrowis presentlie convened taking to thair consideratione the great difference of customes imposed wpon forraine comodities imported and exported within this natione by quhat wes formerlie imposed by the old buik of rates of this natione, they have thairfoir thocht fit to do thair best endeavour to send to William Thomsonsone, thair comissioner now at London, ane old buik of rates to be compared with the new buik of rates that the vast difference betuix the tuo being sein and considerit be him the great prejudice the estat of burrowis with this natione may susteine thairthrow may be represented to his Hienes the Lord Protector, and als all lawfull meanes used for redressis thair of, as also to crave of his Hienes that the mint hous may be set up again in this natione, and thairfore ordaines thair clark in thair names to wreat to thair comissioner to this effect.

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commissioner
at London.

3. The present comissioneris of burrowis now conveyned, being informed be the comissioner of the burgh of Glasgow that the said burgh had advanced maister John Wilkie, thair comissioner apointed to attend the parliament at Londone, the sowme of ane thousand four hundredth and foir pund Scottis money for his entertainment in attending thair effaires and wtheris burghis joyned with thame by the Protectour and his counsall, as thair resait thairwpon will testifie; and seing the burghis of Air, Irving, Dumbartane, Renfrew, Lanrick, Rothesay and Rutherglen ar joyned with the said burgh of Glasgow for payment ilk ane of thame thair proportione of the said soume allreadie advanced, and of all vther sowmes to be advanced to that effect duiring his attendance at the said parliament conforme to the taxt roll; and wnderstanding that the saidis burghis abonewrittin ar deficient in payment of thair proportionis of the saidis sowmes of money allreadie advanced be the said burgh of Glasgow, thairfoir they ordaine the saidis burghis to mak payment of thair proportionis of the said soume, viz.—[Air, £183, 8s.; Irving, £131; Dumbartan, £78, 12s.; Renfrew, £52, 8s.; Lanrick, £78, 12s.; Rothesay, £39, 6s.; Rutherglen, £26, 4s].

4. The present comissioneris of burrowis now conveyned, haveing seriouslie considerit that thair ancient liberties and priviledges at this tyme may suffer great prejudice if some able and qualified man be not appointed for attending of thair effaires now at Londone and in giving of faithfull and trew informatione to his Hienes the Lord Protectour and his counsall of the low estat and conditione thir trublsome tymes hes brocht the estait of burrowis to, and for eschewing of farder prejudice and danger that estait may susteane by wanting of one to advert to the samyn, and haveing had experience off the fidelitie, dilligence, cair, and affectione of William Thomsons, thair generall clark, now for the present at Londone, to quhome they have intrusted seuerall of thair effaires at thair last particular meiting, thairfoir they have ordained ane comissione to be exped to him in most ample forme for agenting and attending the effaires belonging to the hail burrowis in generall, both what is allreadie intrusted to him or quhat may be intrusted to him heirefter be any appointed to that effect; and quhat necessar charges he sall be put to

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in prosecuting of thair bussienes to be payit be the whole burrowis proportionallie conforme to the taxt roll. And the saidis comissioneris of burrowis finding it unnecessar that the whole number presentlie conveined sall attend this present meiting any longer, seing the greatest affaires ar concludit that is come to thair knowledg quhairabout they mett, thairfoir they ordean the burghs of Edinburgh, Pearth, Linlithgow and Bruntilland to stay for ane certane space at this burgh of Edinburgh, and to tak speciall cognoscence of any immergent bussienes that may fall out quhairin the estat of burrowis may be concerned, and to give tymous advertisment thair of to thair said agent.

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3 July 1655.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Archibald Tod, provest, John Jossie, John Milne ; Pearth, Mr John Patersone ; Dundie, Alexander Bowar ; Abirdein, William Petrie ; Stirling, Duncan Nairne, Robert Stewinsone ; Linlithgow, Androw Glen ; St Androis, Androw Carstairis ; Glasgow, Colein Campbell ; Hadingtoun, Patrick Young, Mr James Gray ; Dysart, William Symson ; Kirkcaldie, David Fergusone ; Montrose, James Pedie ; Coupar, Walter Crystiesone ; Anstruther Eister, William Black ; Innernes, Alexander Cuthbert ; Brunt Illand, George Gardin ; Innerkeything, Robert Broune ; Kinghorn, Robert Cunynghame ; Brichane, David Donaldsone ; Wigtoun, Adam M'Kie ; Pitinweme, Walter Airth ; Dumfermling, William Walker ; Selkirk, William Mitchellhill ; Dumbartan, Johne Cuninghame ; Ramfrow, James Landellis ; Dumbar, James Lauder ; Lanrick, Richart Gil-lone ; Arbroath, Johne Ramsay ; Elgin, Thomas Calder ; Peibles, John Plenderleith ; Carail, Alexander Cuninghame ; Bamf, Patrick Stewart ; Whithorne, Ninian Arroch ; Forfar, George Wood ; Nairne, William Ros ; Forres, Thomas Warrand ; Lochmaben, John Kennedie ; Dingwall, Mr Donald Baine ; Quensferrie, John Milne ; Air, Dumfreis, Iruing, Jedburgh, Kirkcudbricht, Anstruther Wester, Taine, Culroise, Rothesay, Rutherglen, Northbervick, Cullen, Lauder, Killrennie, Annand, Sanquhair, Gallaway, Dornoch and Inverary, (*blank*).

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1. Archibald Tod, provost, and first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator. Tod, moderator.
2. Hours of meeting and regulations as to attendance and voting same as formerly. Hours of meeting.

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3. Anent the 5 act of the last generall conventione . . . compeared the commissioner of Glasgow and declaired that they had given advertisement to the rest of the saidis burghis to have met at the tyme appointed, but in respect of the distractiones of the tymes and thos then called the Tories continewallie frequenting thes places, so that they could not adventur to go thither, which the present comissioneris acceptis for ane excuis at this tyme and dispensis with thair vnlaw, and thairfoir continewis the samyn *in eodem statu quo nunc*. Rentall, common landis, Rothersay.

4. Anent the tent act of last generall conventione . . . compeared John Milne, comissioner for the said burgh, and declaired that they had set thair comonmuir to ane skipper for 32 lib. yeirlie for the space of 19 yeires, but efter he had assayed to labour the samyn he fand such difficultie thairin in respect of the stones within the ground that he wes forced to give them ane compositione to give over the bargane againe which they accepted of, the present comissioneris of burrowis acceptis of thair excuis at this tyme and ordaines thame to produce farder dilligence in setting furth of the samyn muir to the nixt generall conventione ; and ordaines the burghis off Lithgow, Dumfermeling and Innerkeithing to visit the said comounmuir and to report the conditione thairof to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis. Queinsferrie.

5. Continued till next general convention the matter referred to in the 19th act of last general convention, and in the meantime the commissioner of Montrose to see the rights of the mill and to report. Arbroath, common milne.

6. Anent the 22 act of the said last generall conventione . . . the present commissioneris finding it not a fitt tyme in respect of the low conditione and estate of the whole burrowis at this tyme, and thairfoir they haue continewed the samyn to be ane heid of the nixt missive. Alteration, taxt roll.

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Complaint,
Kirkcaldie
against
Coupar.

7. Anent the complaint givin in be the comissioneris for the burgh of Kirkcaldie against the burgh of Coupar complaining that the said burgh of Coupar had set furth thair comoun mercat to the towne of Auchtermuchtie and wtheris wnftee places, to thair great hurt and prejudice and of wther free burghis resorting to these fairis, by extorsing thame of thair customes and wtheris injuries don to the inhabitantis of thair burgh; and especiallie at one fair hauldin at the said towne of Auchtermuchtie, John Moreis, merchand in Kirkcaldie, repairing thither with ane bagg of linget, the said baillies of the said towne did exact thertie schillingis Scottis money for the custome of the said bagg, as also the soume of sex pund Scottis, alledgeing the fourt pairt or leippie quhair-with he measured the samyn wes wnjus, notwithstanding the said John Moreis obtaned ane testificat frome the deane of gild of Coupar testifieing the said measur to be just, quhilk the said comissioner of Kirkcaldie produced in presence of the comissioneris of burrowis present; the present comissioneris of burrowis haveing takine the said complaint to consideratione, they find the said John Moreis to be wronged both in his custome and wnlaw, and thairfor they ordaine the comissioner of Coupar to delyver to the present comissioner of Kirkcaldie the said fyne of sex pundis wrongouslie exacted be the saidis baillies of Auchtermuchtie for alledgit wrong measur, as also 28s. off the thertie schillingis which wes moir nor thair dew for the custome of the said bagg of linget, provyding the said comissioner of Kirkcaldie mak good his complaint at the nixt particular or generall conventione of burrowis, and, if he failze, to pay the double of quhat he resauces to the burgh of Coupar; as also ordaines the said burgh of Coupar to produce the contract betuix thame and the towne of Auchtermuchtie of the said fair to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis, wnder the paine of 20 lib.

Dumbartane,
comoun milne.

8. Referring to the 31st act of last general convention, the commissioner of Dumbartane and the agent reported that summons of reduction had been raised against John Semple, of which the commissioners approved and ordered farther diligence.

Ramfrew,
vnfree tread-
ereis.

9. The commissioner of Ramfrew reported that, as required by the 39th act of last general convention, proceedings had been taken and sentence obtained against vnfree traders. Suspension of the sentence had been raised, and the commissioners ordained the burgh to proceed farther and report.

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10. Continued till next general convention the matter referred to in the 4th act of last general convention, and required the burgh of Wigtoun then to produce the decreet arbitral betwixt them and the Earl of Galloway.

Decreet
arbitral, Wig-
toun.

11. Anent the 6 act of the said last generall conventione . . . com-
peared the said agent and did satisfie the first pairt of the said act by
productione of the said chartour which was delyvered to John Kennedie,
the present comissioner of the said burgh, as also ane rental of thair
comoun landis whilk was not cleir, and thairfoir the present comissioneris
of burrowis ordaines the said burgh to produce ane moir cleir rental of
thair comoun landis and the conditione thair of to the nixt generall con-
ventione of burrowis wnder the paine of 20 lib.

Lochmaben,
charter.

12. Continued the matter referred to in the 8th act of last general convention to be a head of next convention.

Nairne, Cullen,
Rothsay.

13. Continued the matter referred to in the 20th act of last general convention to be a head of next missive ; " as also ordanis the burgh of Pearth to report thair dilligence in punisching of wnfree treadderis within the towne of Dumblane and Doune and wtheris wnfre places within thair borderis, to the next generall conventione of burrowis wndir the pain of 20 lib. ilk burgh, and this to be ane heid of the nixt missive."

Stirling, unfree
treadders.

14, 15. Continues the matters referred to in the 55th act of last general convention, and the 11th act of the particular convention held in July 1654, to be heads of the next missive.

Kirkcaldie,
Hadingtoun.

16. Continued the 15th act of last general convention to be a head of next missive.

Coallis.

17, 18. Ordained certain burghs to pay the missive dues payable by them.

Agent, missive
dues.

19. Continued the 23d act of last general convention to be a head of next missive.

Unfrie tread-
eris.

20. Anent the 23 act of the said last generall conventione of burrowis ordaining ilk burgh to haue produced thair dilligence in wreat to this present conventione of burrowis anent thair measur of victuall, pais of breid, the present comissioneris of burrowis considdering it ane duetie lying upon them that ane constant cours may be set down that ane equall proportione of all sortis of measures and mettis, both water mett and land mett, baith of salt maid within the cuntrey and forrane salt, and of all sortes of corns and pais of bread may be keiped throughout the hail

Measuris,
victuall, breid.

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Measuris,
victuall, breid.

burrowis of this natione, to the effect that non of the leiges may suffer prejudice thairby, thairfoir they have ordained the burghis of Edinburgh, Dundie, Abirdein, Linlithgow, Stirling, Glasgow, St Androis and Dysert to meit efter the dissolveing of this present dyet, and to think wpon ane way for effectuating of the samyn ; lykas the saidis comissioneris of the respectiue burrowis abonewrittin being mett for that effect, they all vnanimouslie agree that the hail measuris of victuall within this natione, viz., of salt, meall, and all sort of graine sould be of the quantitie and measur of the mett of Linlithgow, and the respectiue measuris of firloittis, peckis, half peckis, fourt pairtis, and half fourt pairtis being all made of ane equall wydnes both abone and wndir, sould conteane the quantities efter following, to witt :—the meall firloft of land mett to hauld tuentie ane peckis and ane mutchkine; the meill peck, five pyntis, ane mutchkine and the fourt pairt of ane mutchkine ; the half peck to hauld fyve choppins, half ane mutchkin, and the eight pairt of ane mutchkeine ; the fourt pairt to hald fyve mutchkins, ane fourt pairt of ane mutchkine, and the sextein pairt of ane mutchkine ; the halff fourt pairt ane choppin, ane halff mutchkine, and the thertie tua pairt of ane mutchkine ; the beare and oatis firloft of land mett to hold thertie ane pyntis ; the peck, sevin pyntis and three mutchkins ; the half peck, four pyntis, laiking half ane mutchkine ; the fourt pairt, ane quart, laiking the fourt pairt of ane mutchkine ; the halff fourt pairt, ane pynt, laiking the eight part of ane mutchkine ; the halff boll mett of the water mett of Leyth for beare and oatis hauldis three scoir elewin pyntis, ane chopine, halff a mutchkine, ane quarter of ane mutchkine, and the eight pairt of ane mutchkine ; the wattir firloft for beare and oattis thertie fyve pyntis, ane chopin, ane mutchkine, ane fourt pairt of ane mutchkine, and the sextein pairt of ane mutchkine ; the halff boll mett, the wattir mett for peis, ryce, and salt, hauldis tuentie thrie quartis, ane pynt, ane choppin, ane mutchkine, and four pairt of ane mutchkine ; the watter firloft of peis, ryce, and salt is tuentie three pintis, ane choppin, ane mutchkin, half ane mutchkin and the eight pairt of ane mutchkine ; as also that the measur of the drink to be conforme to the jugge mett of Stirling, and the pais of wheat bread of all sortis to be conforme to the peas of Edinburgh. And ilk burgh to have ane copie thairof insert in thair counsall buikis, and to be unviolablie keipit in all tyme cuming ; and ordaines the nixt adjacent burghis to wisit each wtheris measuris of

all sortis of graine and salt with the jugge and pais of bread and sie if they be conforme to the rule abonewrittin, in manner following, (to wit), the burgh of Edinburgh to wisit Haddingtoun, and Haddingtoun Edinburgh ; Dumbar Northbervick, and Northbervick Dumbar ; Lauder, Peibles, Selkirk, Jedburgh, Lythgow, Glasgow, Stirling, Culros, Irving, Air, Dumbartan, and Ramfrew to visit eache vtheris ; Rutherglen and Lanerick, Dumfreis and Kirkcudbricht, Rothesay and Inuerary, Queinsferrie and Innerkeithing, Dumfermeling and Bruntilland, Kinghorne and Kirkcaldie, Dysart and Pettinweeme, Carail and Kilrennie, Anstruther Eister and Anstruther Wester, St Androis and Coupar, Perth and Dundie, Forfar and Arbroath, Brichane and Munros, Abirdein, Bamff and Cullen, Elgin and Forres, Inuernis and Nairne, Dingwall, Taine and Dornoch, Sanquhar and Annan, Lochmaben and Galloway, Wigtoun and Whithorne to wisit each vtheris ; and to report thair dilligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis wndir the paine of 20 lib. ilk burgh. With the which rule for wniformitie of measuris of victuall and salt, jugg, and peas of bread set down in manner abonewrittin, the whole commissioneris of burrowis presentlie conveined did vnanimoslie agree wnto, and thairfoir ordained the samyn to be insert in thair generall register, and each burgh to haue ane extract thairof, and to report thair dilligence anent the haill premissis to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis, wndir the paine of 20 lib. ilk burgh.

21. Anent the 54 act of the said last generall conventione Haddingtoun, etc., coal maisteris.
compeared the agent and declared that he had obtaned ane decreit against the coal maisteris of East Louthaine ordaining theme to sell thair coalles at the pryce and measur contained in the act of secreit counsall granted in thair fauores, with which dilligence the saidis comissioneris of burrowis wer content ; and considdering with all the great prejudice and dammage that the greater pairt of the pryme burrowis of this natione did susteane be the remanent heretouris, coal maisteris, and taksmen of the coal heuchis one both sydis of the watter of Forth, by raising the pryces of the saidis coallis and diminisching of the measur, and withholding of tymous birth contrar to the saidis actis of secreit counsall maid for regulating the pryces and measuris of coallis ; for remeid quhairof the present commissioneris of burrowis ordaines the agent wpon the publict chairges of the haill burrowis to prosecut the

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etc., coal
maisteris.

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M'Birnie con-
tra counsal
and clark of
Dumfreis.

said actione and in obtaining the said act of counsall to be observed and keiped be the saidis heretouris, coal maisteris and taksmen of coall heughes, with all convenient dilligence ; and ordaines the burghis of Edinburgh, Pearth, Dundie, Stirling, Lithgow, Coupar, Bruntilland, Kirkcaldie to attend and be assisting to the said agent in prosecuting of the said actione.

22. Anent the supplicatione givin in to the present commissioneris of burrowis be Thomas M'Birnie, present provost and comissioner for Dumfreis, complaining that John Corsone, John Mulligane, John Tailzeour, John Corbeit and John Muirheid, fyve of the burgessis of the said burgh, quho had protestit against his electione to be comissioner to this present conventione wpone seuerall sinistrous alledgances contained in thair instrument takin against him, as also against James Cunninghame, thair towne clerk, alledging that he had put ane fals seall to the said comissionne ; as also desyryng that they wold give ordour to thair clark to grant him ane warrant to cite the abonementionat persones to compear to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis to ansuer to such accusatiouns as he had to lay to thair chairge, the present comissioneris of burrowis haveing considderit the said supplicatione and finding it reasonable, quhairfoir they ordain thair clark to grant warrant to the saidis Thomas M'Birnie to cite the fornarnit persones to appear at the nixt generall conventione of burrowis to ansuer at the instance of the said Thomas M'Birnie.

23. Anent the 6 act of the particular conventione [held in August 1654], the present commissioneris of burrowis taking the samyn to consideratione, findis the samyn most reasonable, and thairfoir ordaines ilk burgh quhair fairis or mercatis are keiped, and schoir dewis and wther pettie customes is exacted, to affix ane coppie of thair saidis pettie customes, schoir dewes, and wther dewis wpon thair portis of thair burghis or wther publict places of the samyn, to the effect the samyn may be knowin till all merchandis and strangers repairing to the samyn.

Lumsden con-
tra conserva-
tour.

24. Anent the 8 act of the said particular conventione of burrowis ordaining thair clark to have produced his dilligence in warning home Sir Thomas Cuninghame to this present conventione of burrowis for ansuering the complaint givin in against him be maister Thomas Lumsden, factour at Campheir, the present comissioneris ratifies the said act and dispenses with his not finding cautione wndir paine of 500 merkis for making guid his lyble in respect of his oath givin of his inabilityie for

finding cautione at this tyme, and dispensis with the said conservatouris not home cuming to this present conventione in regard of his necessarie effaires now at Loudone, and continewis the tryall of the said complaint to the nixt particular conventione to be hauldin at Edinburgh.

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Lumsden con-
tra conserva-
tour.

25. Anent ane complaint givin in to the present comissioneris of burrowis complaining that seuerall burgessis within the free burghis of this natione that at thair frequenting of free mercatis within free burghis ar not onlie content to buy thair goodis at the free mercatis and publict fairs but goes and sendis to the cuntrie and thairfor speakis and buyes thair seuerall commodities, neuer suffering the samyn to cum to the publict mercat townes, to the great prejudice both of the burgh quhairin the mercat standis in thair custome and chaarge, but also raises up the pryces to the great dammage of all frequenting the saidis mercatis ; for remeid quhairof the present comissioneris of burrowis dischairges all such practissis in all tyme cuming, and that no burges of free burgh or wtheris at any tyme of mercat or no mercat buy comodities but in townes quhair the mercat holdis and in the mercat place of free burghis, wmdir paine of 20 lib. *toties quoties* ; and ordaines ilk burgh to intimat the samyn to thair respective burghis at thair homecuming that nane pretend ignorance.

Free burgesses
buying in un-
free places.

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26. The present comissioneris of burrowis, taking to thair consideratione the prejudice that the haill burrowis in generall does susteane by severall of thair number who will not pay the dewis of the missive without they be chairged with horning to that effect, and that the chairges bestowed thairwpon does fall wpon the haill burrowis alik although many doe pay willinglie without chairgeing ; for remeid quhairof it is statut and ordained that if any particular burgh heirefter sall not pay thair dewis willinglie and tymouslie, but that the agent salbe necessitat to rais lettres of horning for chairging of them to that effect, that all the chairges sua bestowed be the said agent salbe exacted frome the delinquent burgh, and the rest of the burrowis salbe free thairof ; and each burgh that imployies the agent in assisting them in thair owin particular effaires the chairges to be payed be the burgh imployer, and

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sive dues,
chairgis.

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that no chairges be present wpon the accompt of the haill burrowis but quhat is debursit for the benefeit of the haill burrowis in generall.

27. Anent the supplicatione givin in to the present comissioneris of burrowis be the treadsmen of the burgh of Coupar against the gildrie of the said burgh, as also the supplicatione givin in be James Suord, late provest of the burgh of St Androis, against the nichtbouring burghis of Fyff who wer joyned with the said burgh of St Androis for sending wp ane comissioner to attend the parliament at Londoun and paying his chairges the tyme of his attendance of the said parliament, for not paying of thair proportionable pairtis of the samyn ; as also anent the supplicatione givin in be the burgh of Kirkcaldie against the burghis of Coupar, Falkland, Auchtermuchtie, Dysart, Dunkell and Inwerkeything, for thair exorbitance of thair customes, schoir dewis and stand maillis ; as also anent the supplicationes givin in be the burghis of Bruntilland, Kinghorne, Caraill and Anstruther Eister craving supplie for the reparatioun of thair herberies, quhilkis ar all readie to decay ; the present comissioneris of burrowis haveing considerit the saidis supplicationes, and finding it necessar that ane trew report thair of may be maid to the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis, thairfor they ordaine the burghis of Pearth, Dundie, St Androis, Munrose, Bruntilland, Kirkcaldie and Dumfermeling to meit and conveyn at the burgh of Coupar the 14 of August nixt and to compose the differences betuix the saidis craftismen and the gildrie ; as also the difference betuix James Suord and the nychtbouring burghis of Fyf anent the payment of thair proportiounes of his chairges as thair comissioner attending the parliament at Londone ; as also to tak notice of the grivances givin in be the burgh of Kirkcaldie against the saidis burghs of Coupar, Falkland, Auchtermuchtie, Dysart, Dunkel and Inuerkeithing for thair extorsione in thair customes at free mercatis, schoir dewis, and daill maill ; as also to visit the conditione of the burghis and herberies of Bruntilland, Kinghorne, Caraill and Anstruther Eister, and to report thair dilligence anent the haill premissis to the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis, and the burgh of Coupar to be the conveyner of the rest.

Inurnes,
bridge, toll-
buith.

28. Anent the supplicatione givin in be the burgh of Inurnes to the present comissioneris of burrowis craving supplie for reparatioun of thair bridge and tollbuith and building of thair church, the present

commissioneris of burrowis ordaines the burghis of Elgin, Forres, Nairne, and Dingwall to meit and conveyin at the burgh of Inuernes the 17 day of August nixt and to visit the conditione of thair bridge and to report the samyn to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis, and Inuernes to be the conveyiner, wndir the pain of 20 lib. ilk burgh.

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Inuernes,
bridge, tol-
buith.

29. With reference to supplication by the burghs of Monros and Arbroath for help to the repair of their harbours, the commissioners ordained three burghs to visit the same and report.

Monros, Ar-
broath.

30. Referring to the supplication made by the burgh of Forres in August 1652, the commissioners ratified the act then made, "and ordanes of new againe thair generall clark or his depute to give warrant to the saidis burghes if he be requyred to cite the saidis burges, fewars or outsettars of thair commoun lands, to compear at the nixt generall conventioun of burrowis to ansuer to the said supplicatione."

Forres, outset-
teris of com-
moun landis.

31. Anent the supplicatione givin be the burgh of Quenisferrie to this present conventione of burrowis craving exemptione for ane certane space, quhilk the present comissioneris refusiss; as also complaining that the seafairing men did withhold certan dewis payed to the publict vse of the burgh formerlie and had imployed the samyn to thair awin vse, to the great prejudice of the said burgh, the present commissioneris of burrowis ordanes the burghis of Lithgow, Inverkeithing, and Dumfermlie quho wer appointed to visit the comoun muir of the said burgh, with the burgh of Bruntilland, to deall for composing of the difference betuix the said burgh and the seafairing men of the samyn.

Contraversie,
Quensferrie,
seafairing men.

32. Anent another supplicatione givin in be the burgh of Forres to the present comissioneris of burrowis complaining of severall wrongis done to them be the laird of Tarbet and be the inhabitantis of Findhorne contrair to the liberties of free burrowis and thair infetmentis of the superioritie of the said towne of Findhorn, as also for chairginge of them to compear befor Collonell Fisch, governor of Inuernes, quha is not ane competent judge to them in such lyk caices; as also desyring that warrant may be givin to thair generall clark for citing of Nicoll Young to compear befor the nixt generall conventione of burrowis for wronging of the liberties of the said burgh and setting out thair comoun muir called Pilmuir and repairing of thair tollbuith; the present commissioneris of burrowis ordaines the burghis of Elgin, Inuernes, and Nairne, to be assisting to the said burgh of Forres anent the discussing of the questione

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Tarbet, Fin-
horne.

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Tarbet, Find-
horne.

betuix thame and the laird of Tarbet and towne of Findhorne before the circuit courtis, and in visiting thair comoun muir called Pilmuir and thair tollbuith, and to report the conditione thair of to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis ; as also ordaines thair generall clark to give ordour for citing of the said Nicoll Young to the said nixt generall conventione to ansuer for the wronging of the liberties of the said burgh.

Supplicatione,
Robert Stewart,
art, 300 merkis.

33. Anent the supplicatione givin in be Robert Stewart, provest of Linlithgow, to the present comissioneris of burrowis craveing payment of the sowme of 300 merkis granted to him for his good service done to the burrowis conforme to ane act of thair burrowis maid at Stirling in August 1638, togither with the annual rent thair of since the dait of the said act, the present comissioneris of burrowis considdering that the said Robert Stewart had takin great paines frome the year 1634 to the year 1638 in discussing of the contraversie of the privileges of the free burrowis against the burghis of regalitie and in ohteaining the samyn to be discussed before the lordis of counsell and session, thairfor the present comissioneris of burrowis ordanes thair agent to pay to the said Robert Stewart presentlie the sowme of 300 merkis, as also the sowme of another hundreth merkis in full satisfactione for his paines takin in the premissis.

Innernes, etc.,
to visit Taine
and report.

34. The present comissioneris of burrowis taking to thair consideratione ane supplicatione presentit to them be the burgh of Taine humblie representing the low conditione of the samyne burgh occasioned by fyr and wther exorbitant burdingis susteained be them be Sir George Monro and his partie, with wther publict burdingis, quhairby the said burgh is altogither decayed and not able vpon anie conditione to attend the publict or privat meetings of the burrowis, and craveing that certane of thair number sould visit the conditione of the samyn burgh and to report the samyne, the present comissioneris of burrowis ordaines the burghis of Innernes, Dingwall, and Dornoch to visit the conditione of the said burgh of Taine and to report the samyn to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis.

Supplicatione,
Selkirk, com-
mon lands, etc.

35. Anent the supplicatione givin in to the present comissioners of burrowis be the burgh of Selkirk complaining that the lairdis of Greinheid, Schaw, Whitmooris, Hening and Hartwoodburne does most wrongouslie posses ane great pairt of thair comoun landis contained in thair chartour and rightis thair of, and craveing assistance for recoverie of

the samyn furth of thair handis, the present comissioneris off burrowis ordainis thair agent to assist and concurr with the said burgh of Selkirk in prosecutione of ane actione to be intentit be the said burgh befor the ordinar judge for recoverie of thair comoun landis, and to report his dilligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis; as also ordaines the burghis of Lauder, Jedburgh, and Peibles, to visit the comoun landis of Selkirk befor the last of August nixt, and to report the condition thairof to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis.

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Supplication,
Selkirk, com-
mon lands, etc.

36. Anent the supplicatione givin in to the present comissioneris of burrowis be the burgh of Lanrick, representing to the saidis burrowis that in anno 1645 yeiris thair wes ane act of burrowis granted in favoures of the said burgh ordaining the mortcloathis belonging to the treadis of the said burgh to be apprysed and delyvered unto the thesaurer of the samyn and the benefeit of the samyn to be employed for the publict vse of the said burgh in all tyme cuming, the thesaurer paying the pryce of the samyn within yeir and day efter the apprysing thairof, lykas the samyn at that tyme wes accordinglie performed and the samyne mortclaitthis apprysed and delyvered in to the said thesaurer to the vs foirsaid, but immediatlie thairefter the saidis treadsmen haveing gottin the samyn in thair possessione againe they violentlie deteane the samyne frome the said thesaurer and the benefeit thairof from the publict good of the burgh, in manifest contempt of the said act; the present comissioneris of burrowis findis that the saidis treadsmen of Lanrick hes done wrong in violentlie withholding of thair mortcloathis and the benefeit thairof frome the publict vse of the said burgh, and thairfoir ordanis the saidis treadsmen presentlie to delyver in thair mortcloathes to the thesaurer of the said burgh for the vse foirsaid, and in caice of thair refusall to chaarge them with horning to delyver the same, and the thesaurer to pay the pryce thairof presentlie as they salbe apprysed be indifferent men, and dischairges the saidis treadsmen ever to have any mortclaitthes heirefter.

Lanrik, mort-
claitthis.

37. Anent the supplicatione givin in to the burrowis be the burgh of Lochmabein complaining that thair burgh payes triple moir ces nor wold fall to them conforme to thair proportione of the taxt roll; as also when they had intendit actione against the Earle of Hartfell for recoverie of thair fyve merk land of Thornacquhat as ane pairt of thair

Lochmaben,
Hendersone.

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 7 July 1655. 1648, till thair great prejudice did wedset the said fyve mark land
 Lochmaben, frome the said Earl of Hartfell and deteanes the benefeit thair of
 Hendersone. frome them, as also absentis himself from thair meitingis wer they never
 so great consequence and tending to the publick weall of thair poor burgh,
 and desyring that they wold give warrand to thair clark to cite the said
 John Hendersone to compear befor them at the nixt generall conventione
 of burrowis to ansuer to the said complaint; the present commissioneris
 of burrowis recomendis to thes of thair number that ar to go to Dalkeyth
 wpon Monday nixt, being the 9 of this instant, to deal with the com-
 mander in chieff for abatement of thair ces, and ordaines thair clark to
 cite the said John Hendersone to the nixt generall conventione of
 burrowis to ansuer to the complaint givin in be the said burgh against
 him.

Agent comptis. 38. The agent's accounts having been examined, he was found to be super-
 expended in £1922, 6s. 8d., and the burghs were ordained to pay the same pro-
 portionally.

Nairne, unfree 39. On the supplication of the burgh of Nairne, the commissioners instructed
 traders, ex- the agent to concur in all prosecutions of suspensions raised against the burgh
 emptione. by unfree traders, and granted exemption from attending conventions for three
 years on the usual conditions.

Dingwall, ex- 40. Granted exemption to the burgh of Dingwall from attending conventions
 emptione. on the usual conditions.

Boyes, Dundie. 41. Anent the supplicatione givin in be John Boyes, skipper in Dun-
 die, to the present comissioneris of burrowis representing to them that in
 anno 1643 thair wes 30 lib. sterling allowed to him be the burrowis for
 his lossis susteained be him by taking of his schipp, whilk sowme he
 thinkis wes wplifted be the comissioners of Dundie for the tyme, the pre-
 sent comissioneris of burrowis ordaines the magistratis of Dundie to try
 who of ther number did resaive the samyne, and to report thair dilligence
 heiranent to the nixt generall convention.

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Supplicatione, 42. Anent the supplicatione givin in to the present conventione of
 Edinburgh burrowis be the merchands of Edinburgh complaining that the burgh of
 merchands contra Pearth, Pearth had wronged thame in taking severall of thair elvandis notwith-
 etc. stand.

standing they wer conforme to the elne of Edinburgh, which is the rule of the haill elvandis in the natione, alledging thair elvand to be schorter nor the elne of Pearth whilk they alledg is ane inch longer nor the just elne, as also that they exact 6s. for ilk pack of goodis cuming in at thair portis or going out at the samyn, notwithstanding thair be no sail maid, and ane groat for ilk fardell; as also wpon the burghis of Wigtoun, Falkland, Auchtermuchtie, Dumfermeling, Innerkeything, Pethheid, Hadingtoun, Lithgow, Falkirk, Stirling, Glasgow and Bruntilland for exacting triple custome at thair portis and publict mercatis, and against the burghis of Dumbar and Musselburgh for exacting 13s. 4d. for the stand maill at thair publict mercattis; the present comissioneris of borowis ordaines the burgh of Pearth to conforme thair elvand to the burgh of Edinburgh, and ordaines thair clark to cite the burghis abonewritten to compear befor the nixt particular conventione of burrowis to give thair reasones of the exorbitancie of thair customes.

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Supplicatione,
Edinburgh
merchands
contra Pearth,
etc.

43. Anent the 7th and 9th acts of last general convention, the commissioners appointed the burghs of Edinburgh, Lithgow, Glasgow, and Peibles to meet at Lanark before 1st June "and to visit the conditione of the said burgh and of thair commoun landis and to call befor them the possessouris of the samyn, to sie thair rightis, and to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventione."

Lanrick, com-
moun landis.

44. Anent the 8th act of last particular convention, the commissioners "considering the wncertantie of the settlement of ane staple port at the said towne of Campheir," accepted the excuses of the conservator and factors for not appearing at the convention, but instructed the clerk to cite them to next general convention.

Conservatour
and factor.

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45. Ordained the burghs which were appointed to visit the burgh of Tain to visit and report to next general convention the condition of the burgh of Dingwall.

Dingwall, visit-
ation.

46. Anent the 21st act of last general convention, appointed certain burghs to meet with John Ramsay, treasurer in 1649, "and to clear and instruct the restis givin wp be him against the burgh of Dundie."

Dundie, mis-
sive dues.

47. Anent the supplicationis givin in be the Earle of Marr and the coall maisteris and certane merchandis, *hinc inde*, craveing the assistance of the burrowis anent the decisione of the difference betuix the said Earle

Supplicatione,
Earle of Marr,
coall maisteris.

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Supplicatione,
Earle of Marr,
coall maisteris.

of Marr and the coall maisteris and merchandis of ane passage for transporting of coall to the pow of Alloway and thair libertie of the said herberie, the present comissioneris of burrowis haveing considerit both the saidis supplicationis, and finding it a deutie lying wpon them to assist that pairtie who hes best richt will sell thair coall and gretest number at the easiest rait and give best assurance thairfoir for increas of tread and most to the advantage of the burrowis, thairfoir ordaines the burghis of Edinburgh, Dundie, Stirling, Lithgow and Dysert to speik with both pairties and to be assisting to the pairtie who hes best right will furnish in maner abonewrittin the liedges with coall at the cheipest raites and most to the advantage of the burrowis.

Haddingtoun,
electione,
magistratis.

48. Anent the differences betuixt the magistratis of the burgh of Haddingtoun and the merchandis of the said burgh mentioned in the 36 act of the last generall conventione of burrowis, and in the 4 act of last particular convention of burrowis anent the constitutione of thair magistratis and counsall and of the qualitie and conditione of the persones that ought to be chosen magistratis and counsall of the said burgh, the present comissioneris of burrowis haveing takine the said mater to serious consideratione, for avoyding of all farder differences in thair electiones in all tyme cuming they haue appointed the number of thair counsall and qualitie of the persones to be electit magistratis in the said burgh and the forme of thair electione to be as followis, viz., they haue reduced the number of thair magistratis and counsall to consist of tuentie fyve persones, quhairof sextein merchandis and the major plus of thes to be actuall traffiquing merchandis, and nyne treadsmen, making wp the number of 25 persones, and out of the major plus of the sextein merchandis they ar to mak chois of ane provost and tua baillies, and the thesaurer is to be chosen out of the haill sextein promiscouslie, and the thrid baillie is to be chosen out of the number of the nyne treadsmen, and to keip thair ancient forme of electione, the old counsell to chois the new; and this ordour to be inviolablie keiped in all tyme cuming; and anent the electione of ane dein of gild in the said burgh, continewis the samyn to be ane heid of the nixt missive; and the burgh of Haddingtoun to report thair dilligence in observeing this ordour to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis wndir the paine of 20 lib.; and the burghs of Edinburgh, Lithgow and Dumbar to conveyn at Haddingtoun

the tyme of thair election of magistratis to distinguish who is actuall merchandis, and to report.

EDINBURGH.
10 July 1655.

49. Anent the 4 act of the particular conventione of burrowis haldin at Edinburgh in August last . . . compeared the commissioners of the burgh of Edinburgh and reported their dilligence anent the premissis and desyred the approbatione of the samyne frome the present commissioneris of burrowis, and the samyn being putt to woiceing the major part dissassentit thairfra.

Edinburgh,
instructiones
to agent at
London.

50. Dissolved the present convention and appointed the next general convention to be held at Haddington, beginning on the first Tuesday of July.

Nixt conven-
tion.

51. The present comissioneris of burrowis ordaines the extra-ordinar charges bestowed be the burgh of Coupar for carying of three severall missives through the haill burrowis to be ane heid of the nixt missive in respect that the burrowis did not sitt at any of thes three tymes.

Coupar, mis-
sives, 1650,
1651.

52. Unlawed the burghs of Linlithgow, Air, Irving, Jedburgh, Kirkcudbright, Anstruther Wester, Dumbar, Culros, and Lauder in £20 each for being absent from this convention.

Burghs absent
unlawed.

53. Ordained the burghs of Dumfreis, Wigtoun, and Kirkcudbright "to wisit the herberie of Whythorne and to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventione;" also granted exemption to the burgh of Whythorne from attending conventions, on the usual conditions.

54. As the whole burghs mentioned in the 47th act of this convention "cannot convenientlie meit together, they ordane any three of theme, Edinburgh being one, to be ane quorum."

Earle of Marr,
coall maisteris.

55. Ordained "the measur of salt" to be a head of the next missive.

Salt.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
15 December
1655.

Edinburgh, Andrew Ramsay, provest, David Wilkie, Thomas Kincaid; Pearth, Andrew Butter; Dundie, Alexander Watsons; Linlithgow, Andrew Glen; Glasgow, James Pollock; Air, William Cuninghame; Haddingtoun, William Seatoun; Kirkcaldie, David Ferguson; Bruntisland, David Seatoun; Irving, Johne Dunlop; Abirdein, Stirling, St Androis, Monros, Coupar and Dumbar, (*blank*).

EDINBURGH.
17 December
1655.

Ramsay,
moderator.

17 December 1655.

1. Androw Ramsay, provost of Edinburgh, elected moderator.

18 December 1655.

Creditouris to
tak landis at
20 yeris pur-
ches.

2. The present comissioneris off burrowis now conveyin taking to thair consideratione the point of the missive relating to ane reference granted be his Hienes in fauouris of the Earles of Home and Hartfeild and Sir Robert Douglas and wther noblmen and gentlmen of thair conditione that cours might be takin quhairby thair creditouris might be moved to accept of landis for payment of thair debtis at such value as the samyn wer worth in anno 1648, the saidis comissioneris efter serious and long debait finding the said overtour to be of most dangerous consequence not onlie to the whole natione in generall but most particularlie to the estait of burrowis, being cleirly destructive to tread and to poor widowis and orphanis, haue thairfoir thocht fit to oppos the samyne in all fair and legall wayes, and to that effect have appointed David Wilkie and Robert Murray for the towne of Edinburgh and John Milne, Androw Butter for Perth, Androw Glen for Lithgow, and Williame Thomsone thair clark, with thair agent, to consult with the most able laweris for drawing wp ane petitione to be backed with most formall and pithie reasones, to be presentit to his Hienes counsall for stoping of the said dangerous procedour, and the agent in name of the haill burrowis to pay the necessar chairges thairof, and the samyn salbe allowed to him in his accomptis.

19 December 1655.

Reasons
against 20
yeris purches.

3. The said comittee haveing consulted with the saidis advocatis and haveing presentit to the saidis comissioneris now present the said petitione and reasones against the procedour of the said Earle of Home and those joyned with him as affoirsaid, the present comissioneris of borrowis haveing appoynted the provest of Edinburgh, being present moderatour, with Robert Murray, Androw Glen, and William Thomson, thair clark, to mak thair applicatione to the honorabill lordis of counsall and to present to theme the said petitione and reasonis and to deall by all fair and effectual meanis to stop the said procedour, in all which thair

dilligence being reported the present comissioneris approvis of the samyne.

EDINBURGH.
19 December
1655.

20 December 1655.

4. Forsameikle as the present comissioneris of burrowis haveing gottin notice that thair was ane act past be the counsall off estait for laying on of assesment wpon the personall estaites of all people within this natione and to nomiuaat comissioneris for that effect, the present comissioneris of burrowis conceaving it to be contrair to the ancient libertie of burrowis to appoint any to stent thair inhabitantis but thair owin magistratis and counsall quhom they nominat, thairfoir they ordaine William Thomsons, thair clark, to draw wp ane petitione to be presentit to the counsall of estait desyring that the magistratis and counsalls of burghis may be impowdered to nominat and elect personis of thair owin number for laying one of the extent according to thair ancient liberties, and to report his dilligence heiranent.

Act, counsel of
estait, ces, per-
sonall estaitis.

5. The petition referred to in the foregoing act submitted to the comissioners and approved.

Supplicatio
approved.

6. The present comissioneris of burrowis taking to thair consideratione that the Earl of Home and his associatis doe persist in following furth thair desyris affairsthis befor his Hienes counsall, and becaus thair wther vrgent effaires will not allow them so much tyme as to attend the event of the samyn, thairfoir they earnestlie recomend to the burgh. of Edinburgh to aduert to the samyn, and by all fair and possible meanis to stand in oppositione thairto, and give neid beis to call the adjacent burghis to give thair assistance and concurrance thairin, and ordaines the agent of the burrowis to attend thair or either of thair ordouris and by thair advyse to deburs all necessarie chaarge ; as also the said agent to doe his exact dilligence to obteane the comissione contained in the act of parliament anent the coall maisteris renewed, and wther persones put in place of thos who ar dead, to see the said act of parliament put to dew executione against coal maisteris.

Agent, com-
mission, coall-
maisteris,
renew.

7. Ordaines the agent to give to the four ordinar measeris the soume of 20 lib. which with one angell givin be him to them of befor makis wp in haill fourtie merkis.

Agent mais-
seris.

HADDINGTON.
1 July 1656.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at HADDINGTON.*

Edinburgh, David Wilkie and Thomas Kincaid, Robert Murray and John Mylne, assessouris; Pearth, Mr Johne Patersone; Dundie, Alexander Bower, assessor, Alexander Duncane; Abirdeine, John Jaffray; Stirling, Duncane Nairne or James Stevenson; Lynlythgow, Robert Stewart; Glasgow, Johne Walkinschaw; Air, Williame Cuninghame; Haddingtoun, Patrik Young and William Seatoun; Dysart, Williame Symson; Kirkcaldie, David Ferguson; Munros, James Peddie; Coupar, John Crystisone; Anstruther Eister, Johne Lindsay; Dumfreis, Robert Richardsone; Innernes, Alexander Cudbert; Bruntilland, George Gardin; Innerkething, Thomas Thomson; Kinghorne, Robert Cuninghame; Brichan, David Donaldson; Irwing, Mr Robert Barclay; Jedburgh, James M'Cubie; Kirkcudbricht, Johne Ewart; Wigtoun, Adame M'Gie; Dumfermling, Williame Walker; Selkirk, Mr John Angus; Dumbartane, Walter Watson; Dumbar, George Forrestter; Ramfrew, Robert Hall; Lainrick, Gideon Jack; Arbroath, Johne Ouchterlony; Elgin, Mr Johne Douglas; Peibles, Alexander Williamsone; Carail, James Moncreiffe; Thain, Williame Ros, younger; Culros, Williame Pearson; Bamff, Patrick Stewart; Whythorne, Alexander Donaldson; Forfar, George Wood; Forres, Mr Johne Dumbarr; Rutherglen, Walter Riddell; Northberwick, Robert Sandilandis; Cullan, Johne Ogilve; Sanquhar, Robert Creightoun; Dingwall, Mr Donald Baine; Queensferrie, Johne Mylne; St Androis, Pitinweeme, Anstruther Wester, Rothesay, Nairn, Lauder, Kilrennie, Annand, Lochmaben, Galloway, Dornoch and Inveraray (*blank*).

1 July 1656.

Moderator.
Hours of meeting.

1. Patrick Young, first in commission for Haddington, elected moderator.
2. Hours of meeting from eight till twelve and from two till six. Ratified former acts as to attendance and voting.

4 July 1656.

Alteration,
taxt roll.

3. Continued the subject of the alteration of the tax roll to be a head of the next missive.

4. Anent the 44th act of last general convention, the clerk was instructed to intimate to the conservator and factors "that in caice they did not renew their saidis cautioneris within sex monthis to the satisfaction of the particular convention of burrowis who ar to meit at Edinburgh the first Tysday of Februar 1657 . . . in that caice they ar suspendit frome the exerceis of the said office of factoris."

HADDINGTON.
3 July 1656.
Conservator,
factors.

5. The commissioners, after considering as to the measure of salt referred to in the 55th act of last general convention, were of opinion that "the watter measur of salt sould contain 18 pecks everie boll of the wictuall measur of Lithgow," each peck containing 5 pints $1\frac{1}{4}$ mutchkin, and "appointis the samyn to be represented to the councell of estaitis and to be authorized be thame."

Measur, foiran
salt.

6. Anent the 53 act of the last generall conventione . . . the commissioneris of burrowis wnderstanding that by the violence of the storme by sea in December last the maist pairt of the herberies of this natione wer demolished, who wer to supplicat for supplie for reparatione thairrof, and considdering the inhabilitie of the burrowis at this tyme to grant thair desyres, thairfoir they have continewed all supplicationes for supplie for reparatione of herberies, kirkis, bridgis, calsayes and tollbuiths, to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Suplie, her-
beries, missive.

7. Ordained the burghs mentioned in the 16th act of last general convention to report to next general convention as to the establishing of coal to be a staple commodity.

Coall.

8. The commissioners remitted to the particular convention to be held in February next "the consideratione of the dilligence done be the saidis burghis of Linlithgow, Irwin, and Ramfrow" in punishing unfree traders, as required by the 19th act of last general convention ; and directed these burghs to take farther proceedings.

Unfree
treaders.

9. Anent the complaint givin in to the present conventione of burrowis complaining that certan free burghis and burgessis thairin did protect and authorize unfree treadderis in willages and wnfree places to vsurpe and exerceis the libertie of free burgessis, thairfoir the present comissioneris statutis and ordaines that na free burgh nor burges thairin comitt any such abus in na tyme cuming, and the persone found guiltie of this abuis to pay the wnlaw of twa hundreth pundis.

Unfree places,
unfreemen.

10. Anent that part of the 27th act of last general convention as to "composing of the difference betuix James Suord and the nychtbouring burghis of Fyff anent the payment of their proportionis of his chairgis as thair commissioner

Burrowis in
Fyff, Suord.

HADDINGTON.
3 July 1656.

Difference,
gild brother
and craftis in
Coupar.

attending the parliament at Londone," the commissioners ordained these burghs to attend at Burntiland on 1st August next to agree upon what is due.

11. Anent that pairt of the said 27 act of the said last generall conventione of burrowis ordaining the burghs of Pearth, St Androis, Dundie, Montros, Bruntiland, Kirkcaldie and Dumfermling to report thair dilligence to this present conventione of burrowis in meiting at the burgh of Coupar anent the composing of the difference betuixt the gild brethren and the craftsmen of the said burgh, compeared Mr John Patersone for Pearth and reportit that they had repairit to the said burgh of Coupar to that effect but could get no inspectione of ather of thair rightis, nather of towns chartour nor the treadsmens seall of caws, so that nothing could be concludit at that tyme, the present comissioneris of burrowis did accept of thes burrowis dilligence but wes not satisfied with thair report; and thairfor ordaines the burghs of Pearth, Dundie, Kirkcaldie, St Androis, and Bruntilland to convene at Coupar wpon the 26 of August nixt to tak particular inspectione in the said matter and to deall for ane amicable agreement betuixt the saidis pairtes, and to report to the nixt particular conventione in Februar nixt, and in the mein tyme that the saidis craftsmen behave themselves peaceabl and efter the samyn accustomed maner as before the year 1640; and ordaines the saidis treadsmen, gild brethren, to produce thair charter and sealles of caus to thes burghis appointit to visit thame, and the burgh of Coupar to be conveener of the rest.

Selkirk, com-
mon landis.

12. Anent the [36th act of last general convention], compeared the commissioner for Jedburgh and reported that they had visited the said commoun land of Selkirk and declaired that they fand the samyn violentlie possest by strangeris, and that thair heirdes of scheip and wther bestiall wer feiding peaceablie thairwpon, to the great hurt and prejudice of the said burgh, the present comissioneris off burrowis ordanes the said agent to be assistent to the said burgh of Selkirk in thair persuit of law against the possessouris of thair commoun landis wpon thair owin chargis, and if they sall come to ane trysting or agreement with the saidis possessouris of thair saidis landis that the burghis of Jedburgh, Peibles, Lanrick, and Lauder and Haddingtoun sall give thair assistance to the said burgh of Selkirk, and Selkirk to be the conveiner of the rest.

Innernes, El-
gin, Nairn,
advyce, com-
mon muir, etc.

13. Anent the 32 act of the said last generall conventioun, as to the last pairt of the said act it is the opinion of the burrowis that the burgh of Forres

may imprison the said Nicoll Young and Patrick Tulloch, thair burgessis, in caice they disobey thair citatiouns, and in caice of thair obstinacie to depryve tham of thair libertics which is the power of magistratis in such lik caices, and ordaines the burghis of Inuernes, Elgin, and Nairn to give thair best advyce and concurrence to them anent the contraversie of thair comoun muir, and anent the excambion of some housis with the shireff of Murray for ane mercat place, and to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall convention and Forres to conveyin.

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3 July 1656.
Inuernes, El-
gin, Nairne,
advyce, com-
mon muir, etc.

4 July 1656.

14. The agent's accounts being examined, there was found due to him Anent comptis. £943, 7s. 4d. ; each burgh was ordained to pay their proportioun.

15. Ratified and approved the acts of the particular convention held in December last. Approbation actis.

16. Continued till next general convention the question as to the charges of Cupar, Coupair for sending missives to the burghs.

17. Referring to the third act of last general convention, the burgh of Rothesay. Rothesay was unlawed in £20 for absence, and the matter referred to in the act continued till next convention.

18. Anent the 5 act of the said last generall conventione [compeared James Peddie of Monros] and produced ane perfynt inventur of the said David Sutour his richtis whairwith the saidis commissioneris wer content and did approve of his report, and ordaines the said burgh of Arbroath, with concurrence of Montrois, Brichane, and Forfar, to doe farder dilligence in the said matter, and with the concurrence of the agent if neid beis, wpon thair owin proper chairges, to prosecut the samyn.

Arbroathe,
commoun
milne.

19. Anent the 10 act of the said last generall conventione of burrowis ordaining the burgh of Wigtoun to have produced thair decret arbitrall betuixt thame and the Earle of Galloway, compeared the present commissioner for the said burgh and declared that they had vsed all dilligence to search and seik the samyn but amongst wther paperis wes caried to Londone and they had sent their to seik the samyn, quhich report the present comissioneris acceptit, and ordaines them to do farder dilligence to recover the samyn and to report to the nixt generall convention of burrowis.

Wigtoun, de-
cret arbitrall,
earle of Gallo-
way.

HADDINGTON.
4 July 1656.

Measuris,
wechts, etc.

20. Anent the 20 act of the last generall conventione com-
peared severall of the saidis burghis and reported thair dilligence that
they had visited thair nightbour burghis and had fund ane disproportione
of measuris in sindrie burghs, and that some burghis had nather weightis
nor measuris; for remeid quhair of the present commissioneris appointis
tuo visitatouns of new againe to be maid be the whole burrowis, the one
befoir the first of Februar and the second befor the first of May nixt,
that the wrongs in the first visit may be amendit and ane perfytt vnifor-
mitie keiped through the haill natioun in all tyme heirefter; and sic lik
that ilk burgh sie that the table of pitie customes, schoir dewis, and wther
customes be affixit wpon the publict places of each burgh whair fairis and
mercatis ar keipit or schoir dewis payit, conforme to the 23 act of the
said last generall conventione.

Burgessis buy-
ing in wnfree
places.

21. Anent the 25 act of the last generall conventione the
present commissioneris of burrowis recomendis the puting of the said act
in executioun to the haill borrowis of this natioune that such forstalling
may be prevented and dischargit.

Visiting bur-
row muir of
Perth.

22. Continued the remit contained in the 15th act of last general convention
to be a head of next missive, and, as formerly, ordained the burghs therein
named to visit Perth and report to next convention.

Ramfrow, com-
mon landis.

23. Anent the supplicatione givin in to the present conventione of
burrowis be the burgh of Ramfrew against Robert Pollock, thair lait pro-
vest, for possessing of ane great pairt of thair comoun landis and employ-
ing the samyn to his owin proper vs to the prejudice of our comoun
good, the present comissioneris of burrowis hes appointed the present
comissioneris of Glasgow, Dumbarton, and Rutherglen to meit and con-
vein at the said burgh of Ramfrew betuixt and the last day of September,
and they to tak inspectione of the said bussienes and to sie both thair
richtis and to deall for agreement and to improve thair comoun landis at
the sight of the saidis burghis.

Exemptioun.

24. Granted exemption to the burghs of Thane, Cullen, Forres, Sanquhair,
Northberwick, Dingwall, Kilrennie, and Pittenweem from attending conventions
for three years on the usual conditions.

Queinsferrie,
comoun dif-
ference.

25. Anent the fourt act of the last generall conventione [the com-

missioner of Queinsferrie produced the report of the burghs therein named] who was appointed to visit the said muir, declaring that the samyn to be of small value not exceeding sex aikeris of ground, and that so full of great stounes that it cannot be labored unles the charges exceed the proffit, with which report the present comissioneris restis satisfied and approves the samyn. Item, the clark to report his dilligence in wryting to Samuell Wilsone and John Allane, skipperis and burgessis of the said burgh, for expeding the submissione anent the difference betwixt the burgh and the sea fairing men, and the said burgh to report their dilligence heiranent to the nixt particular convention at Edinburgh the second Tuysday of Februr nixt.

HADDINGTON.
4 July 1656.
Queinsferrie,
commoun dif-
ference.

5 July 1656.

26. Anent the 25 act of the last generall conventione [the agent declared that the burghs therein named had done sufficient diligence in the matter remitted to them], quhair of the present commissioneris of burrowis does approw, and did oteane ane comission for certain persones for regulating the pryce and mesur of coallis, but many of thes comissionat being coalmaisteris and heretouris of coall heughes the present comissioneris ar certanlie informed that [there are] greater abussis both in the pryces and mesur of coallis then formerlie wes committed, therfoir they ordaine the burghs abonewrittin, with the burgh of Hadingtoun, to meit at Edinburgh wpon Tysday nixt, being the 8 day of this moneth, and to mak application to the counsall of estait or any wther competent judicatories for remeid of thes abussis, and the agent to concur and assist them in effectuating the samyn, and the charges to be payit be the whole burrowis.

Pryces of
coalles.

27. The present comissioneris of burrowis taking to consideratioun the said grivances of the whole burrowis in generall and most pairt of the particular burrowis whos grivances presentit to them at this conventione to be considerit, they have thought fitt to vse all lafull and effectuell meanes according to thair power for remedie thair of, and for that effect they appointit the burghis of Edinburgh, Pearth, Abirdein, Lithgow, Glasgow, Dundie, Irving, Air, Stirling, Inuernes, Dumbarton, Montros, Bruntilland, and Kirkcaldie to be ane comittie for grivances

Comittie of
grivances.

HADDINGTON.
5 July 1656.
Committee of
grievances.

and overtouris, and to meit at Edinburgh one Tysday nixt being the eight of this instant at 10 houris in the morning, and thair to receav in all generall and particular grivances in relation to the burrowis, and to tak the most effectual cours for remedie thair of, and with power to thame to appoint ane subcommittee for prosecutione of the bussienes, and with power to thame to receive in, condiscead, and conclud one all overtures that may be for advancement of tread and publict weall of the burrowis; and ordaines the agent to deburs all charges as the said comittee sall find necessar, and the samyn salbe allowit to him in his comptes; and with power to them as necessitie sall requyre to call the particular convention mentionat in the subsequent act to mak a moir speedie meiting according as they sall find the necessitie of effaires to requyr to crave ther concurrence in the said bussienes.

Particular con-
ventionone.

28. The present comissioneris of burrowis haveing remittit severall heidis of the missive to ane particular convention to be haldin at Edinburgh the second Tysday of Februar 1657 and especiallie the ordouris concerning factouris, they have thairfoir appointed the burghis of Edinburgh, Pearth, Dundie, Abirdein, Stirling, Lithgow, St Androis, Glasgow, Air, Haddingtoun, Dysart, Kirkcaldie, Munros, Inuernes, Bruntilland, Irving, Dumbartan, Lanrick, Arbroath, Dumfermling to meit and conveyin at the said burgh for keiping of the said conventionone; and the saidis comissioneris considdering that in thir difficult tymes thair may be a necessitie of making applicatione wnto superiour poweris heir or in England, especiallie seing thair is ane great probabilitie of ane parliament to be holdin at London in September nixt, thairfoir they give ordour that they be in readienes to conveyin at the said burgh of Edinburgh at quhat tyme soever they salbe requyrit by the comittie of greivances and overtouris, or by the toun of Edinburgh, with full power to them as they sall sie caus to imploy one or tuo abl and weall qualified men to repair to England or elsquhair for prosecuting of such ordouris or instructiouns in relation to the estait of burrowis as they sall think expedient; and ordainis the agent to tak wp and burrow wpon interest such sowmes of money as the saidis comissioneris sall think fit.

Electione,
magistratis,
Haddingtoun,
erection,
gildrie.

29. Anent the 48 act of last generall conventionone of burrowis
compeared David Wilkie, dein of gild of Edinburgh, with John Milne,
maister meason of the said burgh, comissionat for that effect, and product

the report wndirwrittin, quhairof the tenour followis :—At Haddingtoun the nynt day of October 1655 yeiris, wee, undirsubscryveris, comissioneris frome the burgh of Edinburgh, haveing mett at the said burgh of Haddingtoun the said day, in obedience and conforme to ane act of the generall conventione of burrowis haldin at Edinburgh of the dait the tent day of July last bypast, anent the distinguishing of thos who wer who ar actuall merchandis who ar to be the major pairt of the sextein merchandis to be chosen counsallouris of the said burgh, it is our judgment that thos who are vintineris of wyn who buyes ane twne or twnes of wyne in great, and also thos who deall in bargains of wictuall in great and sellis the samyn over againe, be estemed as merchandis traficquers and so consequentlie to be in the capacitie to be of the number of the nyne merchandis counsallouris, which is the major pairt of the sextein merchand counsallouris appointed be the said act of burrowis ; and as for the wther sevin merchandis counsallouris, we esteim thos who ar heretouris, maltmen, litsteris, land laboureris, and wther merchandis who ar not wndir the deykins of craftis, which foirsaidis sevin counsallouris ar not in capacitie to be magistratis conforme to the tenour of the foirsaid act, but prejudice allwayes to choys ane thesaurer out of the haill sexteine promiscouslie ; as lykwys conforme to the tenor of the said act of burrowis, the whole number ar to be restrictit to tuentie fyve persons who ar to have the whole power in leiting and electing of magistratis. Quhilk report being read in presence of the haill comissioneris of burrowis, they all wnanimouslie aprove of the said distinctioun of traficquing merchandis in sua far as the samyn relatis to the burgh of Hadingtoun allanerlie, and ordanis such persones sua qualified to be esteimed in all tyme cuming traficqueing merchandis and to be capable to be magistratis in the said burgh. As also, conforme to the said act of burrowis, the erectione of ane gildrie within the said burgh was ordained to be ane heid of the nixt missiue, which being omitted out of the said missive but supplied be ane petitioun frome the merchandis of the said burgh petitioneris for the samyn, the present comissioneris of burrowis efter long debait and serious consideratione of the differences betuixt the merchandis and magistratis and craftis of this burgh anent the erectione of ane gildrie within the said burgh of Haddingtoun, do conceave that for the good and honor of the said burgh it wer expedient

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Electione,
magistratis,
Haddingtoun,
erection,
gildrie.

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Electione,
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Haddingtoun,
erection,
gildrie.

that ane gildrie sould be established in the said burgh, thairfore they earnestlie recomend to the present magistratis and counsell of the said burgh to mak choys of one of the nyn traficqueing merchandis qualified according to the distinctione in the said report in the office of ane dein of gild in this burgh at the nixt electione of thair magistratis; and the said burgh of Haddingtoun to report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt particular conventione of burrowis to be at Edinburgh on the second Tysday of Februar nixt, wndir the pain of tuentie pund, and in caice of thair refusall the consideration thairof is to be continued to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Missive dewis.

30. Ordained the agent to raise letters of horning against the burghs who refuse to pay their missive dewis.

Nixt conven-
tion.

31. Dissolved the present general convention and appointed the next to be held at Glasgow on the first Tuesday of July 1657.

Clark, dilli-
gence at Lon-
don.

32. Compeared William Thomson, generall clark to the burrowis, and produced in wreat ane ample report of his dilligence done at London in obedience to ane comissione and instructionis sent to him by the commissioner of burrowis met at Edinburgh in the particular convention in November 1654, with ane ordour of ane hundreth pund sterling to be advanced be him towardis his chairges, which they could not but conceave to be ane sufficient ground to him for to act wpone, which report being at length and in all poyntis considerit be the present comissioneris, they did approve of his cair and dilligence and fidelitie in going about the samyn, and in respect of his many good offices and services don in the publict effairis of the burrowis, and for his further encuradgment to continew thairin, thairfoir they ordain the agent to pay to him the sowme of ane hundreth pund sterling as for his expenssis and pains in sua far as related to the general effairis of the burrowis.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
8 July 1656.

Edinburgh, David Wilkie, Thomas Kincaid; Pearth, Mr Johne Paterson; Dundie, Alexander Bowar; Abirdein, John Jaffray; Lithgow, Robert Stewart; Stirling, Duncan Nairn; Air, William Cunningham;

Kirkcaldie, David Fergusone ; Munros, James Peddie ; Innerncs, Alex-
 ander Cuthbert ; Bruntilland, George Gardin ; Dumbartan, Walter EDINBURGH.
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 Watsone ; Glasgow and Irving, (*blank*).

8 July 1656.

1. David Wilkie, commissioner of Edinburgh, elected moderator.

Moderator.

10 July 1656.

2. Anent the reference maid be the generall conventione of burrowis at Haddingtoun the fyft of July instant to the commissioneris of burrowis presentlie conveyned for receaving of overtouris and grivances frome the haille burrowis, and for giving their assistance and concurrence by application to be maid to the counsall of estait for remeid of such grivances as wer presentit befor thaim, and for granting their assistance to such necessar overtouris as sall occur or be presentit to ther knowledge, and haveing gottin notice that thair ar severall English and Scotis merchandis schippis lyand within the Sound loadined with merchandice who dair not ventur to cum out without ane convoy, thairfore they ordaine the burghis of Edinburgh, Dundie, Abirdein and Montrose to crave the assistance of the provest of Edinburgh for granting his concurrence for supplying the counsall of estait for ane convoy to be granted for bringing home of the saidis schippis; compeared David Wilkie, comissioner for the burgh of Edinburgh, and reported that they with the lord provest of Edinburgh his assistance had obteneid thair desyr from the counsell of estait which the present comissioneris does approve as perfyit dilligence.

Convoy, bringing hom
schippis in the
Sound.

3. Ordained the burghs of Dundie, Abirdein, and Monros to address the council of estate for approbation of the 5th act of last general convention, "as also to give their concurrence and assistance to the burgh of Selkirk in representing thair grivances to the counsell of estaite and in obteneing ane remedie thairof."

Councell of
estaites, salt,
Selkirk.

4. The present comissioneris of burrowis ordainis Thomas Kincaid for Edinburgh and William Cuninghame for the burgh of Air, with the concurrence of the agent, to petition the commissioneris for administration of justice to the people of Scotland that befor any thing be concluded in that actione betuixt the Earle of Mar and the laird of Fruchie

Agent, coall
bussienes.

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Agent, coall
bussienes.

anent the coall bussienes loading at the Pow of Alloway, that the burrowis interest may be first hard and takin in consideratione, and to report thair dilligence thairanent, and the agent to proceed in prosecutione of the coall bussienes conforme to the 26 act of the said last generall conventione of burrowis and to report his dilligence thairanent to the nixt particular conventione of burrowis.

Lanrick, dean
of gild.

5. The present comissioneris of burrowis ordaines thair generall clark in thair names to wreat the present magistratis of the burgh of Lanrick requyring thame at thair nixt electione of thair magistratis that for the honor and better government in thair burgh that ane dein of gild be chosen in thair burgh conforme to thair chartour of erectione, and to report thair dilligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis; and in caice of thair refusall the burrowis will tak the samyn to consideratione.

Dundie, wnlaw,
M'Keane.

6. Ordained the clerk to write to the burgh of Dundie "in favouris of James M'Kean, merchand, requyring thame to give satisfacione to him and his partiner for ane fyne of tua hundredth merkis vnjustlie exacted of thame."

Difference,
Forres, laird of
Tarbet.

7. The present comissioneris of burrowis, vnderstanding that thair is questione of law betuixt the burgh off Forres and the laird of Tarbet, and being desyrit by thair present comissioner for the said burgh of Forres to have the concurrence and assistance of sum nightbouring burghis that sall happin to be nixt adjacent to the plaice quhair the said questione sall happin to be discussed, thairfoir they ordaine thair generall clark to wreat to any burgh south or north that he salbe requyred be any comissioner from Forres to be assisting to them in thair persuit of law as said is, and the clark to report his dilligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis; as also ordaines the burghis of Invernes and Elgin to be aiding and assisting to the said burgh of Forres in composing of all difference betuixt the said burgh and the laird of Innes.

Custom at
fairis.

8. The present comissioneris of burrowis taking to consideratione the complaint givin in by the most pairt of the burrowis against severall gentillmen, heretouris of thes places quhair comoun faires ar keiped, for exacting of tripill custome at the saidis faires, thairfoir they ordaine the agent to search furth for that act of counsell anent the customes payit at publick faires and mercatis, and the said agent, with the concurrence of

thes burghis quho ar to mak applicatiounes to the councell of estait for redres of grivances, and to represent the samyn to thame and to crave remeid thair of.

EDINBURGH.
10 July 1656.
Custom at
faïres.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
8 August 1656.

Edinburgh, Androw Ramsay, provest, Daud Wilkie, dein of gild, Thomas Kyncaid; Pearth, Mr John Patersone; Dundie, Alexander Bowar; Stirling, Duncan Nairne; Lythgow, Robert Stewart; Glasgow, John Bell; Haddingtoun, Patrik Young; Kirkcaldie, Daud Fergusone; Bruntilland, George Gairdin; Dumfermling, William Walker; Abirdein, St Androis, Air, Dysart, Monros, Innernes, Irving, Dumbartan, Lainrik and Arbroath (*blank*).

8 August 1656.

1. Androw Ramsay, provost of Edinburgh, elected moderator.

Moderator.

9 August 1656.

2. Adjourned the present convention to 26th inst.

Adjournment.

3. The present comissioneris ordaines the burgh of Edinburgh, Pearth, Lythgow, and Haddingtoun to repair to the Lord Brughill at Pinkie and to represent to his lordship the great prejudice which the whole natione, and in particular maner the estait of burrowis, may susteane by the lait act granted in favouris of debitoris, and to solicit his lordship to deall for annulling of the samyn, and in the mean tyme to stop all farder procedour thairin.

Annulling the
act of debitor
and creditor.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
26 August
1656.

Edinburgh, David Wilkie, Thomas Kincaid; Pearth, Patrick Anderson; Dundie, Alexander Bowar; Stirling, Duncane Nairne; Lithgow, Robert Stewart; Glasgow, James Pollock; Air, William Cunninghame;

EDINBURGH.
26 August
1656.

Hadingtoun, Patrick Young ; Dysart, William Symson ; Kirkcaldie, David Ferguson ; Bruntilland, George Gairdin ; Irving, Mr Robert Barclay ; Dumfermling, Williame Walker ; Abirdein, St Androis, Monros, Innernes, Dumbartan, Lainrick, Arbroth, (*blank*).

26 August 1656.

Wilkie,
moderator.

1. David Wilkie, dean of guild and first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

Instructioun,
parliament.

2. The present comissioneris of burrowis apointis the burghis of Edinburgh, Stirling, Lithgow, Air, and Irving to meit presentlie as a comittee to consider wpon such instructiounes as they sall think necessar to be recomendit to the comissioneris for the burrowis that ar to repair to the parliament at London in relation to thair liberties and priviledges, and to report to the bodie tomorrow at ten of the clock.

27 August 1656.

Instructions,
comissioneris,
parliament, London.

3. The comittee appointed for drawing wp of instructiouns to be recomendit to the comissioneris that ar to repair to the parliament at Londoun in behalffe of the burrowis of this natioun haveing considerit wpon severall instructiounes that most concernis the priviledge and liberties of the burrowis, which being presentit be the said comittee to the remanent comissioneris, and also being seine and considerit be thame, they did approve of the samyne and thairfoir ordaines the samyn to be insert and registrat in thair generall register, of the quhilkis instructiounes the tenor followis :—

(1.) That ane supplicatione may be presentit in name of the haill burrowis for thame selves for ane eas of thair sext pairt of the ces in respect that thair whole schippis being takin by sea, quhairin the greatest pairt of thair stockis wer, being the mean of thair treading for which they payed so considerabl ane burding, and thair estaitis at home destroyed be the warres, and wtherwaies exhaustit be extraordinar burdingis, and thair tread and traffique almost whollie lost, and the maist pairt of thair herberies demolished by the violence of the lait storme and want of meanes to wphold the samyn.

(2.) That his Hienes and parliament wold ratifie and confirme to the burrowis all such thair liberties, freedomes, priviledges, and immunities as hes bein heirtofoir granted and confirmed to thame be any of the kingis and parliamentis

of Scotland by patent, chartour, or act of parliament, or quhat they ar or wer in possession of heirtofoir.

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1656.

(3.) That for the recoverie of traffique and tread of this natioun, his Hienes and parliament wald continew the stapl port at Campheir as formerlie.

Instructions,
commissi-
oneris, parlia-
ment, London.

(4.) That all Scottis goodis that hes bein in vs to be transported furth of this nation, such as skyn, hyd, and wooll, being stapl comodities of the land, and for the present cannot be employed in Scotland, may be transported as formerlie for some certan tyme wntill manufactories be set wp within the natione.

(5.) That the ordinance in favoris of the souldioris may be as to Scotland be so explained and qualiefied that they may not exerce thair respective callings ather be themselves or servantis during thair charg in the armie, and that when they set wp it be onlie in free burghis, and that to the government thair of they be in all thingis according to the lawis and custome of the place, subject and bear thair proportion of burdingis according to thair abilities, and that in thair treading, bartering, buying and selling they ws no vther weightis or measuris in Scotland then quhat ar thair by act of parliament establischid and accordingle vsed by the people of the natione.

(6.) That foirfaulteries in Scotland may be takin into serious consideratione for that the continewance of them is ane most vniversall and heaveie grivance to the haille natione, but most specialle to the burrowis quho in effect ar the persones forfeited, being creditouris and havinge the maist pairt of that which is left of thair estaites in forfeited persones handis, and that all debitis contractit since anno 1648 by forfeited persones may be payit to the creditouris.

(7.) That convoyes for our schippis may be granted, and that all merchandis and seamen that ar prisoneris by the Dunkirkeris may be released.

(8.) That in respect of the scaircetie of money within this natione, which is much occasioned by the lownes of the annuel rent of money, that the parliament may be dealt with for raising of the annual rent to eight per cent.

And thairfoir ordaines thair clark to give ane extract heirof to Androw Ramsay, provest of the burgh of Edinburgh, and one of the comissioneris for the said burgh, and to Sir Alexander Wedderburn, comissioner for Dundie, and to George Lockhart for Glasgow, that they may comunicat the samyn to the remanent comissioneris for the burrowis at the said parliament, that they with thair advyce and assistance may prosecut the effectuating and accomplishment of the samyn at the said parliament.

4. The present comissioneris of burrowis taking to consideration the great danger, los, and prejudice which the whole natione, and particulare the estait of burrowis ar lik undoubtedlie to sustean if his Hienes lait act, entitulat "Ane act in favouris of debitouris," sall not be recalled

Annulling of
the act anent
debitor and
creditor.

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Annulling of
the act anent
debitor and
creditor.

or at leist much qualified, they have thought to recomend wnto thair comissioneris quho ar to attend the parliament at London to ws all legall and lawfull meanes for recalling the said act, and to the effect that the saidis comissioneris may be assistit with good advyce from this place they have appointed Daud Wilkie, Thomas Kincaid, Robert Murray and John Milne, for the burgh of Edinburgh, to consult with the best advocatis or wtheris concerned heirin, and be thair adwyce to draw up ane petition to his Hienes counsall to hinder and stop the procedour of the saidis debitoris anent the valuation of thair landis which is presentlie intendit be them, as also to draw vp valid and sufficient reasones for which the said act ought to be repealed, togither with all such expedienices as may induce the supreme authoritie to annull the samyn, and to recomend the saidis resones and expedienices to the fairsaidis comissioneris of parliament, and wpon all ocasionies to consult with the saidis advocatis and to keip correspondence and give advertisment to the saidis comissioneris at parliament of any thing may relate for the annulling of the said act and all wther thingis that sall be thocht necessar for the good of the estat of the burrowis, and if neid beis to call for the advyce and assistance of thair nychtbouring burrowis in the haill premissis, and the agent to be present at all occasionis and to give his assistance heirin.

Supplication,
Rosmerkie.

5. Anent the supplicatione presentit to the comissioneris of burrowis heir conveyined be the burgh of Rosmerkie and Chanrie of Ros shewing that the saidis burghis ar incorporat in one, and by severall charteris and confirmationes grantit to them be the Kingis of Scotland erectit in ane free royal burgh, and desyring that enrollment may be ane heid of the nixt missive to the nixt generall convention of burrowis, and that each burgh sould be requyred to send thair comissioneris sufficientlie instructit to that effect, the present comissioneris of burrowis haveing considerit the said supplication and finding the samyne most reasonabl thairfoir they ordain the samyn to be ane heid of the nixt missive to the nixt generall convention, and ordainis ilk burgh to send thair comissioneris sufficientlie instructit anent the enrolling of the saidis burghis amongst the free burrowis.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
2 October
1656.

Edinburgh, David Wilkie, Thomas Kincaid; Pearth, Patrick Andersone; Dundie, Alexander Watsone; Stirling, Duncan Nairne; Lithgow, Andrew Glen; Haddingtoun, William Seatoun; Dysart, William Sympton; Kirkcaldie, Patrick Fergusone; Bruntilland, David Seatoun; Dumfermline, William Walker; Abirdein, St Androis, Glasgow, Air, Monros, Innes, Arbroath, Irving, Dumbarton, and Lanrick (*blank*).

2 October 1656.

1. David Wilkie, dean of guild and first in commission for Edinburgh, Wilkie, moderator.
elected moderator.

3 October 1656.

2. The present comissioneris of burrowis now conveyned taking to consideratione the great prejudice the estat of burrowis may susteane if these actis emittit be the Protectour and his counsall in favouris of debitouris salbe established and put in executione according to the intentione of thes noblmen and gentlmen prosecutoris thair of, as also considering the proclamatione emittit be the judges of this nation declairing that they have appointed to spend the whole moneth of November nixt in puting of the saidis actis and ordinances into effectuall executione, and to proceed in administratione of justice conforme to the said ordour, the saidis comissioneris finding it ane dewitie lying wpon them (for the weall of the estat of the burrowis in particular) to vse all legall and effectuall meanes to obviat all actis and ordinances so destructive to the whole nation and especiallie to thair estat, they have thairfor thocht fit that sume qualified and abl man may be sent expres to Andrew Ramsay, comissioner for the burgh of Edinburgh, Sir Alexander Wedderburne and George Lockhart, comissioneris representing the burrowis of this natione at the parliament at Londone, with instructionis and wald reasonis for stoping the procedour of the saidis judgis in the said mater; and being confident of the cair and fidelitie of Robert Murray, lat baillie and burges of Edinburgh, thairfor they have nominat and appointed him

Anent the annulling of qualification of the act of debtor and creditor.

EDINBURGH,
3 October
1656.

Anent the annulling of
qualification of
the act of
debitor and
creditor.

Clerk to wryt
commissioners
at London.

with all convenient dilligence to repair to the saidis comissioneris at London and to present to them the saidis instructionis and reasones for stoping and hindering the procedour of the saidis judges in the saidis actis at the tyme prefixit be them, that they with the assistance and concurrence of any wthers comissioneris quhome they sall think fitt may endeavour the stoping of the samyn.

3. The present comissioneris appointis thair generall clark in thair names to wreat ane generall letter to the whole comissioneris representing the burrowis at the parliament at Londone, and moir particular to the provest of Edinburgh, Andrew Ramsay, and Sir Alexander Wedderburn, in relation to the stopping of the executione of the act maid in favouris of the debitouris; and the moderatour and clark, in name of the hail burrowis, to subscriue the samyn.

Submission,
burrowis and
coallmaisteris.

4. The present comissioneris of burrowis taking to consideratione the ordinance of the counsall of estait anent the coall busienes, ordaining ane submissione to be drawn up betuixt the coal maisteris and burrowis within the several divisionis one both sydis of the wattir of Forth, bearing certificatione that thes burrowis that did not accept of the said submissione, the executione of the act of parliament against the coal maisteris within the saidis respectiue divisiones could be suspendit for three moneths thairefter, the present comissioneris of burrowis for avoyding of greater inconveniences thinkis fitt to accept of the said submissione, and ordanes the agent to caus draw wp sex severall submissiounes according to the number of the saidis divisiones, and to send the samyn to the cheiff burghs within the saidis divisiones, and to report his dilligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis.

Coppie, in-
structiones,
debitor and
creditor.

5. The present comissioneris of burrowis, finding that the instructionis and reasones against the puting in executione of the act maid in fauouris of debitouris not to be exped nor in readines at this tyme, thairfor they recomend to the comissioneris of the burgh of Edinburgh to keip ane coppie of the saidis instructionis to be presentit to the nixt conventione, and that the samyn may be insert and registrat in the generall register of burrowis if it salbe thocht necessar.

Next particu-
lar convention.

6. Dissolved this present meeting, and appointed a particular convention to be held at Edinburgh on 12th November next.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
12 November
1656.

Edinburgh, David Wilkie, Thomas Kincaid; St Androis, Andrew Carstair; Glasgow, John Wakinschaw; Hadingtoun, William Seatoun; Dysart, David Sympsone; Dumfermling, William Walker; Pearth, Dundie, Abirdein, Stirling, Glasgow, Air, Monros, Innernes, Bruntilland, Arbroath, Jedburgh, Dumbartan, and Lanrick (*blank*).

12 November 1656.

David Wilkie, dean of guild and first in commission for Edinburgh, Moderator.
elected moderator.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
3 December
1656.

Edinburgh, David Wilkie, Thomas Kincaid; Pearth, Andrew Butter; Linlithgow, Andrew Glen; Glasgow, John Bell; Air, William Cunningham; Haddington, William Seatone; Kirkcaldie, David Fergusone; Bruntilland, David Seatoun; Dumfermling, Peter Walker; Dumbartan, John Cunningham; Dundie, Abirdein, Stirling, St Androis, Dysart, Monrois, Innernes, Arbroath, Irving and Lainrick (*blank*).

3 December 1656.

David Wilkie, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

Moderator.

5 December 1656.

1. The present comissioneris of burrowis, taking to consideratione the haill procedours in relation to the act maid in favouris of debitouris by these intrusted by the burrowis for annulling or qualefying of the samyne, viz., of the right honorabill Andrew Ramsay, provest of Edinburgh, Sir Alexander Wedderburn, and George Lockhart, thair comissioneris at Londone, and of baillie Robert Murray who wes sent expres to observe thair ordoures in the said bussienes, as lykwyys of the comis-

Report, com-
missioners,
debitor and
creditor.

EDINBURGH.
5 December
1656.

Report, commissioner,
debtor and
creditor.

sioneris of Edinburgh, Daud Wilkie and Thomas Kincaid, with thair assistoris, William Reid and John Milne, who wer intrusted to keip correspondence with thame and to act according to thair stationis, not onlie for promoteing of the said bussienes against the debitouris but also all wther bussienes relating to the publict estat of the burrowis in the intervall of the particular conventiones, and haveing seine the severall letteris frome Londone to the saidis comissioneris of Edinburgh and haveing hard also thair report, the present comissioneris conveyed doe approve of the haill proceidouris and dilligences of the saidis respectiue persones hitherto, and ordaines thair comoun clark in thair names to wreat ane letter of thankis to thair saidis comissioneris at Londone. And taking into particular consideratioune ane missive letter wryttin be the said Robert Murray to the said William Thomson, thair generall clark, of the dait the 25 of October 1656 yeiris, schewing that the foirsaidis comissioneris finding no small difficulties in that bussienes had in ane prudentiall way, be the advyce of the Lord Broughall and wtheris thair freindis, entered in ane conference and treatie with some nobl men and freindis interested in the behalff of the creditouris, and had brocht them to condiscend wpon thair owin accord to the particularis following, (to witt), *first*, that all wedsettis be declared finall transactionis; *secondlie*, that creditouris sall have the chois of the debitouris landis; *thridlie*, that the pryce sall rul as it goes at present (to witt) at 16 yeiris purchas at most and 14 at leist, teindis at ten yeiris; *fourthlie*, that nane be wrged to take landis but in the schyre whar he duellis if his soume be wndir fyv thousand merkis, and wher he duellis not if his sowme be wndir twelve or twentie thowsand merkis; with severall wther particularis mentionat in the said letter, speciallie desyring that the advyce of certan laweris mentionat in the said letter may be sent to him, the which advyce being contrarie to any treatie the saidis comissioneris of parliament did brack wp the samyn and remittit the whole bussienes to the decision of the parliament wher now it lyes, declairing by severall posterior letteris presentlie produced thair feare that thair might be moir danger in relying wpon the decision of the parliament then if the qualificationis had bein condiscendit wpon be mutuall consent befor the parliament had taikin the samyn to thair consideratione; quhairfoir the present comissioneris, wpon serious consideration, doe think fit that as to

the interest of the burrowis it be whollie left to the discretion, cair, and dilligence of the saidis honorabill comissioneris at Londone to doe in the whole matter quhat they sall find to be most for the benefeit and behooff of the creditouris, and if no better may be that they endeavour wpon the foirsaidis or any the lik conditionis which heir cannot be condiscendit on at such one distance and that they doe continew in the prosecutioun of the said bussienes to the best advantage till the finall cloise thairof.

EDINBURGH.
5 December
1656.

Report, com-
missioners,
debtor and
creditor.

2. The present comissioneris of burrowis taking to consideration the report of the comissioneris of Edinburgh concerning the cair and dilligence of baillie Robert Murray, as lykwys haveing sein the said Robert Murray, his seuerall missive letters directit to thame and to William Thomson, thair generall clark, concerning the bussienes betuix debtor and creditor mentionat in the preceeding act, by which it appearis that thair wilbe no litill difficultie to bring the samyn to ane happie cloise, and considdering that the said bussienes cannot be happilie prosecut without great changes, doe thairfore ordaine William Thomson, thair generall clark, in thair names to wreat ane letter to him desyring that he may insist and continow in prosecutioun of the said bussienes wntill the finall clois thairof or till thair farder ordour ; and to report his dilligence ather in person or in wryt to the next particular meiting which is to be hauldin at this burgh of Edinburgh the second of Februar nixt, and to bring or send ane particular and just accompt of the chairges and expenssis by him necessarlie debursit wpon the said bussienes.

Act of debtor
and creditor.

3. The present comissioneris of burrowis being certantie informed by some of thair number that Colonell Aytkins, John Biltoun and Thomas Flemyng, taksmen of the excys of bay salt, doe themselues import so much thairof that no wther merchand is abl to tread thairin by reason of the rigor of excys exactit from theme for the said comoditie, and doe make ane monopolie of that so necessar ane comoditie for the cuntrey, contrair to all equitie and priviledgis of this natione and the law and custome of England by which it is provydit that no formoraris of custome may import forange comoditie duiring the tyme of thair tak ; as also being informed that the comissioneris for the customes and excys doe exact the 20 peny of custome and the 20 peny of excys of all schippis bocht from strangeris and brocht home for the necessarie service of the natioun and increas of tread, which exactiones doe much frustrat and

Monopolie,
bay salt.

EDINBURGH.
5 December
1656.

Monopolie,
bay salt.

hinder the restoring of the decayed and lost schipping of this cuntrie, the present comissioneris of burrowis ordaines thair generall clark in thair names to acquaint thair comissioneris attending the parliament at London by ane letter of the foirsaid prejudices and inconveniences, and efter tryall of the laws and practickis of England to endeavour the redres thair of.

Dewes of com-
missioner at
London.

4. Ordained the following burghs to pay to John Wilkie their shares of his expenses for attending parliament at London as commissioner for the burghs, viz., Lanrick, £4, 7s. 4d., Irving, £7, 6s. 2d., Dumbartan, £4, 7s. 2d., Rothesay, £5, 9s. 2d.

Pittinweem
contra Carraill.

5. Anent the supplicatioun givin in be the burgh of Pittinweem to the present comissioneris of borrowis craveing that conforme to ane act of burrowis maid at Pearth in Julij 1646 yeiris the said burgh micht have the concurrence of the agent in the prosecutione of the decision of the contraversie betuix the said burgh and the burgh of Carraill befor the judge ordinar wpon the expenssis of the haill burrowis, the present commissioneris of burrowis grantis the desyr of the supplicant, and ordaines the agent to concurr and assist him in the prosecutioune of the discussing of the said contraversie wpon the chairges of the whole burrowis, the said burgh of Pittinweime paying the agent for his owin paines.

Maisouris.

6. Ordained the agent "to pay the four ordinar maisouris befor the hie court of justice" 40 merks Scots money.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
2 February
1657.

Edinburgh, David Wilkie, Thomas Kincaid ; Pearth, Androw Butter ; Dundie, Alexander Bowar ; Abirdein, John Jaffray ; Stirling, Duncan Nairne ; Linlithgow, Androw Glen ; Glasgow, James Pooge ; Air, William Cuninghame ; Haddingtoun, William Seatoun ; Kirkcaldie, Robert Whyt ; Innernes, Alexander Cuthbert ; Bruntilland, David Seatoun ; Dumfermling, William Walker ; Irving, Mr Robert Barclay ; Dysart, Monrose, Arbroath and Lainirk (*blank*).

3 February 1657.

EDINBURGH.
3 February
1657.
Moderator.

1. David Wilkie, dean of guild and first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

5 February 1657.

2. Anent the supplicatione presentit [in name of the merchants of Haddington as to the recommendation contained in the 29th act of last general convention, mentioning that] notwithstanding of the said recommendatione they have maid no electione of ane dein of gild and thairfoir desyring remeid thairfo, as the said supplicatione at mair lenth bearis, compeared William Seatoun, comissioner for the burgh of Haddingtoun, and reportit that thair magistratis and counsell had severall tymes conveined and seriouslie considerit of the said matter but had fund so great prejudice heirin that they could not admitt of ane dein of gild within thair said burgh, with which report the saidis comissioneris wer not weall satisfied, and haveing seriouslie considerit the said supplicatione presentit to thame as said is, they haue thought fit of new againe seriouslie to recomend to the saidis magistratis and counsall to condescend wpon ane effectuall cours for erecting of ane gildrie within thair said burgh, and to report thair dilligence thairanent to the nixt generall conventione of borrowis; as also they, passing by all former paines takin be the burrowis in the said matter for thair assistance going about the samyn in caice of difficultie they haue ordained David Wilkie and Johne Milne for Edinburgh, Androw Glen for Lithgow, and maister Robert Barclay for Irving, and David Seatoun for Bruntilland, or any three of thame, to meit at Haddingtoun the first Tysday of May nixtocum, and Edinburgh to convein the rest, and to put ane finall conclusion (if possibl) to the said bussienes; and ordaines the saidis magistratis of Haddingtoun to produce befor the saidis burghis thair conveined thair charteris of erectione to be sein and considerit be them, and in caice of thair not agreement that the saidis magistratis be ordanit to present thair saidis charteris to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis that they may be sein and considerit be thame, wndir the paine of ane hundreth pundis, with this certificatione and in caice of thair refusall the saidis burrowis will determin in the said matter as accordis.

EDINBURGH.
5 February
1657.

Difference,
gild brether
and craftis in
Coupar.

3. Anent the 11th act of the last general convention . . . compeared the comissioner for the burgh of Pearth and declaired that they had mett at the said burgh of Pearth according to the burrowis order but had reccaved no satisfacioun from non of the saidis pairtis, the present commissioneris ordanis the saidis burghis abonementionat to meit and conveyin at the said burgh of Coupar the second Tysday of May nixt to cum to the effect abonewrittin and Coupar to conveyine the samyne.

Measur of
foran salt.

4. Referring to the 5th act of last general convention, the commissioners ordained the burghs of Edinburgh and five others to attend the council of estate, and to report their diligence to next convention.

Seamen and
magistratis of
Queinsferrie.

5. Ordained the burgh of Queinsferrie to report to next general convention their diligence in regard to the 25th act of last general convention.

Customes at
foran fairis.

6. Anent the 8 act of the particular convention held [on 10th July last] compeared the agent and declaired that he had searched for the said act but could not have the samyne, and thairfor they ordaine the agent to doe farder dilligence in searching out for the said act and in representing thes abuissis to the councell of estait and craveing redres thairof.

Report, com-
missioners at
London,
debitor and
creditor.

7. In presence of the comissioneris of burrowis presentlie conveyined, compeared Robert Murray, present baillie of Edinburgh, who wes appointed be the thrid act of the last particular conventione of burrowis hauldin at Edinburgh the thrid of Octobir last to repair to Londone, with expres instructionis and reasones to be presentit to the right honorabill Androw Ramsay, proveist of Edinburgh, Sir Alexander Wedderburne and George Lockhart, comissioneris representing the burrowis attending the parliament at Londoune, for stoping the procedour of the comissioneris for administratione of justice to the people of Scotland, who by thair proclamatioune had appointed to bestow the whole moneth of November last bypast in puting the actis and ordinances emittit by his Hienes the Lord Protector and his councell in favoris of debitoris to effectuall executione, and to proceid in administratione of justice conforme thairto and to move and assist the saidis comissioneris to use thair best endeavouris for annulling and qualieifieing of the samyne, and maid report of the cair and dilligence of the saidis comissioneris in the said matter; as also produced ane wreatin report frome the saidis comissioneris anent the said Robert Murray his dilligence and paines takin in the samyne, quhairof the saidis

comissioneris did approve, and ordaines thair clark in thair names to wreat ane letter of thankis to the saidis comissioneris for thair extraordinar painis taikin in the said bussienes, as also intreating they wold not be wanting to prosecut the samyn to the finall deceision thair of being one matter so much concerning the estait of burrowis.

EDINBURGH.
5 February
1657.
Report, com-
missioners at
London,
debtor and
creditor.
Appeale.

8. The present comissioneris of burrowis ordanis the burgh of Edinburgh, with the assistance of Robert Murray, baillie, and of the nixt adjacent borrowis (to witt) Lithgow, Haddingtoun, and Bruntilland that in caice it sall happin that the comissioneris for administratioun of justice to the people of Scotland sall proceed any wayes in puting of the saidis actis betuixt debtor and creditor to any farder executioun by any ourdour allreadie emittit or to be emittit for that effect, that they in name of the haill burrowis may in all humilitie and dewtiefull respect to the saidis honorabill comissioneris, by the advyce of thair best laweris, mak appellatioun frome them to the hie court of parliament.

6 February 1657.

9. Anent the supplicatione presentit be the borrowis now present be Alexander Cuthbert, comissioner for Innernes, makand mentione that thair wes ane act past in the particular conventione of burrowis hauldin at Edinburgh the 26 of August last appointing the inrollment of Rosmarkie and Chanrie amongst the number of the free burrowis, to be ane heid of the nixt missive, and ordaining ilk burgh to send thair comissioneris sufficientlie instructit to that effect quhairvnto (as he alledges) they had no richt seing thair is ane actione depending befor the judgis of reductioun and improbatioun of the samyn, as ane testificat produced be him with the said supplicatione, subscrivit be Mr Androw Gilmoir, advocat, James Brown, clark, and Alexander Leslie, wryter, did evidentlie schow, and thairfor desyred the said act to be repealed wntill thair richtis be decydit, the present comissioneris taking to consideratione the said supplication and attestatioun presentit be him they refusit to repeal the said act but ordaines the said petitioun and attestatioun to be remembrit and takin in consideration at the nixt generall conventione befor any farder procedour of the said bussienes, and the said burgh of Innernes to be hard to object against the invaliditie of thair richtis if the

Supplication
Innernes con-
tra enrollment
of Rosmarkie.

EDINBURGH.
6 February
1657.

samyn be not discussed befor the judg ordinar befor the said conventione, and the said burgh of Innernes to cum sufficientlie instructit to that effect.

Supplicatioun
contra Haddingtoun.

10. On a complaint of a wrong done to two merchants of Edinburgh and their wives by a bailie of Haddingtoun "at ane publict fair in the said burgh . . . recommendis the decision of the said wrong to the burghis appointed to meit thair the second Tysday of May nixt."

Desyr, conser-
vator, Lamsons
money.

11. The present comissioneris off burrowis taking to consideratione ane letter direct to them be Sir Thomas Coninghame, conservatour, intimating to them that he is in prosecutioun befor his Hienes the Lord Protector and his counsell the debt dew to the Lamsones in Zeland wpon the publict faith of both nationes by his papers prove to be whollie ane Inglisch debt, and thairfor desyring that the comissioneris would be pleased to wreat to the lord provest of Edinburgh and wtheris thair freindis for thair best assistance to the said Sir Thomas, quhairby the saidis Lamsonis may be dewlie satisfied of thair just debt and not onlie the said Sir Thomas who by publict ordour ingadged himselff personallie for the said debt that this haill natioun also may be freed from the danger thairoff, the present comissioneris found the desyr reasonabl and thairfor ordanis thair generall clark to exped ane letter wnto the lord provest of Edinburgh to be subscryvit be the haill present comissioneris desyring his lordship to deall earnestlie with the right honorabill the Lord Broughill and all wther personis in powar so far as conuenientlie he may.

Conservator,
factor caution.

12. Anent the 4th act of last general convention, Thomas Cunningham, factor, was excused from attendance at this convention, and ordained to appear at next general convention and find caution. Androw Skein, factor, not having appeared or sent a letter of excuse, was suspended from his office.

Supplicatione
contra unfree
tredders.

13. Anent the supplicatione givin in be the merchandis of Edinburgh for themselves and in name of the haill merchandis of free burrowis of this natione to the present comissioneris off burrowis, representing to thame that the whole tread onlie competent to merchandis of free burrowis, beareris of the burdines thairof, wes inhanced be unfreemen, induelloris in burghis of barronie, clauchanis, and willages throughout the whole natione, to the wtter ruine of the whole free burrowis within this nation if some effectuall course be not takin for speidie remeid thairof,

[the commissioners ordained the burghs to proceed against unfree traders within their bounds and to report to next general convention].

EDINBURGH.
6 February
1657.

14. An account of disbursements by Pitinweme, in pursuing the action between that burgh and Carail, referred to next general convention for consideration.

Pittinweem,
action, Carail.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
2 June 1657.

2 June 1657.

Edinburgh, Archibald Sydserff, Thomas Kincaid; Dundie, Alexander Watsone; Glasgow, John Wakinschaw; Air, William Cuninghame; Haddingtoun, William Seatoun; Kirkcaldie, David Fergusone; Bruntland, David Scotstoun; Irving, Mr Robert Barclay; Dumbartane, Walter Watsone; Dumbar, James Kellie; Pearth, Abirdein, Stirling, Linlithgow, Dysart, Monros and Anstruther Wester (*blank*).

3 June 1657.

1. Archibald Sydserff, bailie, and first in commission for Edinburgh, elected Moderator. moderator.

4 June 1657.

2. Forsameikle as the present commissioneris of burrowis now con-
veined, being informed of severall prejudices and abussis susteained by the
whole natione, and especially by the estat of burrowis and merchandis
traffiqueing with forran salt, by the farmoreris of the excys of that
comoditie, who not onlie import and inhance that whole comoditie in
thair awin persons or at least the most part thair of, but sitis as judgis
and fynes wtheris traffiqueris with the samyn, to the great prejudice of
the whole natione with the estate of burrowis; as also considering the
dangerous consequences may follow to the whole natione, and especiallie
to thair estait, if the patent grantit for erecting of ane colledge of
phisicianis in this burgh of Edinburgh be not scaped; and haveing
appointed certane of thair number to consult with the ablest laweris of
the natione for remeid of so dangerous evillis and prejudices, and having

Excys, forran
salt, collego of
phisicianes.

EDINBURGH.
4 June 1657.

Excoys, forran
salt, college of
phisicians.

had thair advyce in the saidis bussienessis, they find the remedies cannot be presentlie obtained, and thairfor they have appointed Archibald Sydserff, Thomas Kincaid, William Reid and John Milne for the burgh of Edinburgh, Alexander Watson for Dundie, John Wakiuschaw for Glasgow, William Seatoun for Haddingtoun and David Seatoun for Bruntilland (at the first convenient tyme the burgh of Edinburgh thinks fit) to attend the counsall of estait, commissioners at Leith, or any wther competent judicatorie within the natione who sall have power to redress thes evillis and prejudices for remeid of the samyn.

Clark, com-
missioneris at
Londoun.

3. The present comissioneris of burrowis ordanis thair generall clark in thair names to wreat ane letter of thanks to the comissioneris representing the burrowis at London for thair cair and dilligence in giving so good ane accompt of the bussienes in relation to the burrowis and especiallie in the matter betuix debitour and creditour, and to desyre the continewance of thair cair, and to send ane extract of quhat hes passed thairin, and to give thair advys quhat cours is takin in England whare any contraversione fallis out betuix the taxmen of excys and merchantis importeris of the comodities or people buyaris, and who ar judges betuix thame in such lik caices, and if thair be ane comitie of apeallis or ane law dischairging taxmen to import such comodities quhair of they ar farmoris of the excys especiallie forrane salt, and to send home the book or ane extract of such ane act, and that meanes may be vsed for mitigatione of the assessment of the natione, and also in regaird to the adjurnment of the parliament they wold be pleased so to recomend to some considerat and qualiefied persone to look to the effairis of the burrowis in the interim till the generall conventione meet and tak farder consideratione of the bussienes, and lykwys to consider of the instructionis formerlie sent be the burrowis quhair of ane accompt is expectit

Agent, de-
bursementis.

4. Ordained the burghs to send to next general convention their proportions of £600 of additional disbursements by the agent.

EDINBURGH.
28 July 1657.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, David Wilkie, Thomas Kincaid, William Reid, and John Milne ; Abirdein, Sir Robert Forquhair ; Lithgow, Androw Glen ; Glas-

gow, Johne Wakinschaw ; Air, William Coninghame ; Haddingtoun, EDINBURGH.
28 July 1657.
William Seatoun ; Dysart, Henry Beatee ; Anstruther Eister, William
Anstruther ; Bruntilland, David Seatoun ; Jedburgh, George Moscrop ;
Pittinweem, Thomas Smeatoun ; Dumfermling, William Walker ; Dum-
bar, James Lauder ; Lauder, Thomas Cranstoun ; Pearth, Dundie, Stirling,
St Androis, Kirkcaldie, Monros, Irving, Selkirk, Dumbartan, and Peibles
(blank).

28 July 1657.

1. David Wilkie, dean of guild and first in commission for Edinburgh, Moderator.
elected moderator.

2. The commissioners, considering that the general convention could not be
held in July this year, "in respect no warrant could be obtained from the lord
generall for that effect," and having now obtained a warrant, appointed a general
convention to be held in Glasgow on Tuesday, 20th October next. Prorogation
generall con-
vention.

3. Referring to the second act of the last particular convention, the com-
missioners ordained the persons therein named, with the addition of David Patent, phisi-
cianis, stoppit
at the seallis.
Wilkie, to continue in their attendance on the matters remitted to them.

4. Anent the supplicatione presentit to the present commissioneris of
burrowis be the merchandis of Culros . . . desyring are dein of gild to Culros, dean
of guild.
be chosin in thair burgh for the caussis conteaned in the supplication,
the present commissioneris appointis the samyn to be added to this
present missive that the samyn may be takin in consideratione be the
nixt generall conventione, and the burgh of Culros to present thair chartor
of errectione to the said generall convention wnder the paine of 20 lib.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* GLASGOW.

GLASGOW.
20 October
1657.

Edinburgh, David Wilkie, Johne Milne ; Pearth, Patrick Anderson ;
Dundie, Alexander Bowar ; Abirdein, Johne Jaffray ; Stirling, Duncan
Nairne ; Linlithgow, Robert Stewart ; Glasgow, John Anderson, Johne
Wakinschaw ; Air, Johne Osburne ; Haddingtoun, William Seatoun ;
Dysart, David Symson ; Anstruther Easter, Androw Martein ; Dumfreis,
Johne Cuninghame ; Innernes, Alexander Dumbar ; Brintilland, David
Seatoun ; Kinghorne, Robert Cuninghame ; Brichane, Laurence Dundas ;
Irving, Mr Robert Barclay ; Kirkcudbright, Johne Ewart ; Wigtoun,

GLASGOW.
20 October
1657.

Adam M'Kie ; Pittinweeme, Thomas Suyntoun ; Dumfermling, William Walker ; Anstruther Wester, David Mitchell ; Selkirk, Mr John Angus ; Dumbartane, Johne Cuninghame ; Ramfrow, Robert Pollock ; Lanricke, Alexander Tennant ; Elgine, Johne Dumbar ; Peibles, Johne Andro ; Taine, William Ros ; Culros, William Pearsons ; Forfar, George Wood ; Rothsay, Donald M'Gilchrist ; Rutherglen, Walter Riddill ; Dingwall, Alexander Baine ; Queinsferrie, Archibald Wilson ; Inueraray, Johne Yuill ; St Androis, Kirkcaldie, Monros, Coupare, Innerkeything, Jedburgh, Dumbar, Abirbrothok, Carail, Bamff, Whithorne, Nairne, Forres, Northberwick, Cullen, Lauder, Kilrennie, Annan, Lochmabein, Sanchar, Galloway, and Dornoch (*blank*).

20 October 1657.

Moderator.

1. John Anderson, provost and first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

Hours of
meitting.

2. Hours of meeting appointed to be from nine till twelve, and in the afternoon to begin at two o'clock. Regulations as to attendance, speaking, and voting same as at previous meetings.

21 October 1657.

Coall, staple
port.

3. Continued till next general convention the matters referred to in the 7th act of last general convention.

Custom at
forran mer-
catis.

4. Anent the 6 act of the particular convention of burrowis hauldin in Februar 1657 . . . compeared the agent and declared that he had maid search for the said act of counsall but could find non to that purpos and so could act nothing thairin, quhilk is acceptit for ane excuis and for dilligence at this tyme. And lykwys compeared John Jaffray, present provest and comissioner of Abirdein, and declared that he had the said act of secreit counsall anent the regulatioun of customes at the saidis mercatis and that he had raised letteres of horning against gentill men contraveineris thair of within thair boundis, quhair of the saidis comissioneris did hartlie aprove, and thairfoir ordaines William Broun, thair agent, [to concur in the prosecution and do farther diligence against other contraveners of the act].

Selkirk,
Rothsay.

5, 6. Continued till next general convention the matters mentioned in the 12th and 17th acts of last general convention.

7. Anent the 19th act of last general convention the commissioners of Wigtoun reported that they had sent to London for a copy of the decret-arbitral between them and the Earl of Gallaway. Ordained that it be produced to next general convention.

GLASGOW.
21 October
1657.
Wigtoun.

8. Anent the 22d act of last general convention, ordained the burghs therein named to report their diligence to next general convention.

Burrowmuir of
Pearth.

22 October 1657.

9. Anent the supplicatione presentit to the saidis burrowis be the commissioner of the burgh of Dumfreis craveing ane dein of gild to be electit within thair burgh in respect thair wes ane vnanimous consent thairto both of merchandis and treadsmen of the said burgh, the present commissioneris of the burrowis conteanowis this to be an heid of the nixt missive, and ordaines ilk burgh to send thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructit to the next general convention to that effect.

Dein of gild of
Dumfries.

10. Anent the 8 act of the last generall convention of burrowis hauldin at the burgh of Edinburgh in July last, and the 13 act of the last particular conventione haldin in Edinburgh in Februar last, . . . the present comissioneris of burrowis, taking to serious consideratioun the wniversall complaintis of the whole burrowis of the natione against wnfreetrederis vsurping thair liberties and vseing all sort of merchandize, duelling in wnfreetrederis places and not bearing any burding with thame, by which the whole estait of burrowis is lik to be ruyned, notwithstanding of many actis of parliament and burrowis dischairgeing the samyne, and especiallie that 152 act of the 12 par. of King James 6, and 24 act of 1 parliament King Charles, by which it is statut and ordanit that no persone within this realme sould exerceise the tread of merchandice but burgessis of free burghis wnder the paine of escheiting of thair haill goodis and geir, the ane half to the King and the wther half to the burgh whos comissioner or collector sall apprehend the samyne, as at mair length is contained in the saidis actis; as also, considdering that this abuse does for the most arys through the default of the saidis burrowis thair not puting of the actis of parliament and burrowis to dew executione, but the samyn have bein for thir many yearis bypast so vilified, neglectit, and contemned, as if the samyn had nevir bein maid, for remeid quhairof it is statut and ordained, lykas the saidis comissioneris of burrowis

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by thir presentis statut and ordained—*First*, That ilk burgh put the saidis actis of parliament and all wtheris acts of parliament and burrowis to dew executione by searching out of all wnfreet persones resyding and traffiqueing within thair boundis and liberties and proceeding against thame, conforme to the tenor of the saidis actis. *Secondlie*, That no burgh resave anywnfreemen to the freedome of thair burghe without he mak his present residence within the samyne or at least give sufficient securitie that he sall settell his duelling place and tread within the said burgh within such tyme as the magistratis sall appoint not exceding yeir and day, vnder the paine of being dischargit of his freedome. *Thirdlie*, That na merchand within free burghis buy any forrayne comoditie frome any wnfreet persone nor in any wnfreet place, vnder the paine of confiscatione of the saidis guidis and punisching of the buyer at the will of the magistrat of the said burgh; as also that na free burges sell any free goodis in quantities to wnfreet treadderis but als much as may serve thair present vse, vnder the paine of fourtie poundis to be exactit be the burgh frome the contraveeneris by complaintis made to thame by any burges of another burgh. [Ordained pursuit of actions against certain unfreemen within the liberties of Renfrew and Irvine, and, generally, all other unfreet traders within the natione, to be prosecuted on the public charges of the whole burghs].

Vniformitie of
comissionis.

11. The present commissioneris of burrowis considering the informality of severall comissiones of particular burghis presentit to thame, for remeid quhair of they have ordanit thair general clerk to draw ane draught of ane comissoun to be wniversallie obseruit be the haill burrowis (Edinburgh being exceptit) in all tyme cuming, quhilk draught being presentit and approvin be the said burrowis they ordaine the samyn to be insert in thair generall register and ane extract furth thair of to be gevin to each burgh wpon thair owin charges, quhair of the tenor followis:—Be it kend till all men be thir present letters, we the provest, baillies, and counsall of the burgh of . . . to have made, constitut and ordanit, lyk as wee be thir presentis mak, constitut, and ordane our weilbelovit nichtbour, A. B., quhom wee testifie to be ane man fearing God, of the trew protestant religione presentlie in publict profest and authorised by the lawis of the nation, without suspicion, expert in the comoun effaris of the burrowis, ane merchand residerent within our burgh bearing all portable charges thairin with his nightbours,

and is such as can tyn or wine in all our effairis, our verie lawfull, undoubtit, and irrevocable comissioner to the effect wnderwrittin, givand, grantand and comittand to him our verie full, free, plaine power, expres bidding, mandament and charge, for ws and in our names and wpon our behalff to conveyin with the remanent free burrowis of this natione in thair generall convention to be begun and hauldin at the burgh of . . . vpon the first Tysday of Julij nixt being the . . . day of the said moneth, with continewatione of dayes, and thair in our names and wpon our behalff to sit, reason, treat, voice, and conclud wpon the hail headis and articles contained in the missive direct to the burrowis for keiping of the said conventione, and wpon all wther materis that sall hapin to be proponit or treatit of thairin in sua far as may concern the gud of the natione and comounweall of the estait of the burrowis, firme and stable haulding and for to hauld all and quhatsumever our said comissioner does in the premissis. In witnes quhairof thir presentis ar subscriuit be the magistratis or comoun clark of the said burgh and under the comoun seall of the samyn, being wrytin be A. B. at . . . the . . . day of . . . 16 . . . yeiris. And ilk burgh to report thair dilligence in keiping the said draught of the comission to the nixt generall convention undir the paine of 20 lib.

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12. Anent the 20 act of the last generall conventione, [and the 4th act of the particular convention held in February last, the commissioners ordained the burghs therein mentioned] to doe farder dilligence in the said mater of salt and all wther graine, that ane vniformitie of measour thairof may be keipit through the whole natione, and in purchasing the assistance of the counsall of estait to that effect, and to report thair dilligence heiranent to the nixt generall convention.

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13. Anent the 12th act of last particular convention, the clerk "producit ane letter frome Sir Thomas Cuninghame, elder, conservator, shewing the impossibilitie of his sones compearing at this present convention in respect of his owin inabilitye in going about the imploymentis quhairabout he wes employed, quhairof ane pairt belonged and concerned the burrowis, and his son of necessitie behoved to supplie his infirmities." The commissioners excused his absence and directed that he should be cited to attend next general convention and find caution.

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14. The auditors reported that the agent's accounts between July 1656 and October 1657 extended to £8581, 17s. 4d. Scots, and also reported that they had examined his accounts of arrears due by certain of the burghs. The commissioners ordained the burghs to pay their shares conforme to the tax roll.

15. Anent the paper presentit to the commissioneris of burrowis be Doctor William Burnet and Doctor Silvester Rattray, for themselves and in name of the phisicians of Edinburgh, intituled The humble representation of the phisicians of Edinburgh for themselves and in name of the rest of the phisicianis of the land; which the present comissioneris ordained to be insert in their generall register, whair of the tenor followis and is thus: Whairas of late wee haveing obtenead a patent for erecting of ane colledge of phisicians in this natione, have notwithstanding met with great oppositione from severall interest beyound all that could have bein expectit in prosecuting so just ane intendment, and whairas wee have bein misrepresentit to the honorabill burrowis as men of dangerous designs not onlie as to the fortunes but to the verie lyves of the people, and especiallie as to the jurisdiction of magistratis in the respective places, and in all those wee find the former oppositionis have bein so stronglie directit and fomentit from privat interestis wndir the pretence of publick concernment as on these grounds hath moved the burrowis in thair last particular meiting at Edinburgh to give in ane paper to the counsall of estait against the present establichment, in vindication of ourselves frome such groundles misrepresentationis wee had resolved to have givin in ane humble remonstrance to the former meitingis, but being surpryzed with the vnacquaintednes of thair dyetis and at a los in the paucitie of our number at that tyme, wer necessitated to pas so convenient ane occasione as wes then offered in vindicating our selues, but lest forther silence wndir such imputationis sould ather bewray ws as guiltie in the fairsaidis or betray that trust is comittit to ws and so bring ws to suffer at thair handis whome wee have ever owined with all deu respect and subordinatione and whome we have and sall still look wpon as incuradgmentis rather than obstrueteris of so good and vsefull designes; wpon these considerationis wee having the opportunitie of this honorabill conventione do most humblie represent to the honorabill commissioneris conveyened that as it wes never our designe in the least to endeavour any thing micht seeminglie stand in oppositione with or deroga-

tion from the jurisdictione of magistratis in the respectiue cities, so wee
 ar bold humbly to averr to the honorabill commissioneris that our
 intentionis in espousing and prosecuting this designe wes and still is to
 a much contrarie end then what is so groundleslie representit, and wee
 humbly conceive our patent being rightlie considerit will import no
 such incroachment as is pretendit, or if it doe not so clearlie save all the
 richtis and privileges of burghis and wther interestis, or containe any-
 thing seeminglie intruding wpon magistrates jurisdiction, it cannot be
 denyed but wee have bein ever most willing in all our transactions with
 these wee have had occasion to debait with in this affair that all such
 groundis of mistak sould be rectefied, even to the satisfaction and arbitri-
 ment of the magistratis themselves, and this wee have bein so tender of
 the magistratis priviledge that we ar not onlie willing to acknowledge
 thame with all respect and subordination in that the patent provyd
 thame as thair richt and superioritie in such effairis, but for farder con-
 descendancies to thame hes willinglie offered that they may have a
 regulating and discriminating power with ws evin in these privileges the
 patent solely intrusts ws as most competent judgis in such affairis, so
 that the world may see our designe is that all thingis may be done
 impartiallie and without prejudices to any and [not] for our particular aime
 or wther interest of ouris ; and for escheuing of all grivances and supposed
 burdings in necessitating neidles addressis to Edinburgh, wee have con-
 discendit wpon ane way how all abussis salbe prosecuted in the respec-
 tiue adres of the delinquentis, and that befor the magistratis of the place
 who may at pleasur repell our suitis if they find iniquitie or partialitie in
 ws, and who have the disposing of the emolementis according as it is
 provydit without anything redunding to us or our societie heirin ; and,
 that wee may farder tak off all suspicion of intending anie arbitrarie
 jurisdictione over chyrurgianis and appothecarris, wee have offered that
 what ever inspectione the patent trustis ws with as to the foresaidis pro-
 fessionis salbe regulat by and don in presence and with concurrence of
 the magistrat of the place ; and for saveing any privileges thes professionis
 ar indued with in this citie we sall refer ourselves to the judgment of
 some of thair owin number who being comissioneris from thence to the
 former effort wer witnessis to our profferis and being conveyned wer most
 willing to have agreed with ws in full satisfactioun and that wee offered

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if it had not bein thay could not weall desert the burrowis, being involved in ane comoun interest with thame. As for thes of Edinburgh wee ar so conscious to ourselves in the reasonableness of our condescendancies to thame that we haue oft offered to refer the decision of such differences evin to the magistratis thame selves or otheris of thair greatest interests. Richt honorable in these considerationis wee humblie crave the honorabill commissioneris wold seriouslie weigh the treu rise, ground, and importment of all these oppositionis wee haue mett with in this desyne and whither it may bear the weight of a comoun trust and interest of the whole nation or any privat particular estait thair of; and as wee sall find the relevancie of such oppositione or equitie of the present designe accordinglie ye wold countenance or discountenance ws in the settling so just ane intendment as is allreadie begun, at least would not suffer yourselves to receive any prejudged impressiōne against ws till wee haue libertie to vindicat ourselves at your handis in all the former misrepresentations which wee humblie conceive wee salbe able to doe, evin to the satisfaction of all that ar not wedded to contraire interestis. And your favourable ansuer wee humblie crave. The quhilk paper the present comissioneris of burrowis haveing seriouslie considerit, together with the coppie of ane pretendit patent for erecting of ane nationall colledge of phisicianis, as also the advyssis takine be the burrowis takin of the laueris and wtheris persons of best knowledge how far the said pretendit patent might be prejudiciall to the severall interestis of this natione, especiallie to the estait of burrowis, have thought fit to return this ansuer to the said paper: That the burrowis be, and sall ever according to thair power indeavour to be, nothing inferior to no personis within this natione for the advancement of learning, wertew, and all liberall sciences in sua far as may consist with the reale good of the natione and with the severall just interestis thairin, but that they conceive the patent according as it is drawin wpe to be verie prejudiciall not onlie to the just liberties of burrowis but to severall considerable just interestis within this natione, and that (as it appearis to thame at present) it nather tendis to the publict good of the natione nor to the advancement of the science of medicine itselff, for the reisones contained in the paperis givin in be the burgh of Edinburgh in name of the haill burrowis to his Hienes counsall of estait in Scotland in September last

bypast, so as they cannot give thair consent that the samyn sould pas or be maid effectuell ; but quhairas in the paper the gentillmen presenteris thair of does seim to promis that they will be willing to satisfie any difficulties thairin by altering of severall claussis in the said patent to the satisfactioun of this conventioun, the present commissioneris can give no answer to any thing to be done but that if heirefter anything salbe proposed or presentit to thame which may be for the public good and may ansuer thair just interestis they sall (as said is) be most willing to intertaine such publict motionis being for the good of this nation as they sall sie just caus. And the saidis burrowis ordaines ane extract heirof to be givin to the saidis phisicianis quhensoever the samyn salbe requirit.

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16. Remitted to the next particular convention the consideration of the enrolling of the burgh of Rosmarkie and ordained the burghs of Innerness and Rosmarkie to produce their charters of erection.

Rosmarkie,
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17. Continued till next general convention the supplication of Culrois as to a dean of guild referred to in the 4th act of last particular convention, and ordained the burgh to produce their charter of erection.

Culrois,
gildrie.

18. Anent the supplicatione presentit to the commissioneris of the burrowis be the magistratis of Glasgow complaining that the burgh of Pearth did extors thame in thair customes at thair common mercatis, and especiallie in exacting of thame twelve schillingis Scotis for each pack of goodis bocht within thair burgh and goeing out thair of wndir the notione of the maintenance of ane post maister within the samyne contrair to all equitie and reasone, the present commissioners haveing considerit the samyne they have ordanit that the burgh of Pearth sall produce the nixt particular convention thair richtis of postmaisterschipp to be sein and considered by thame and determined thairin by thame as accordis, or wtherwys to desyst efter the dissolving of the said particular convention to exact any such custome frome any merchand resorting thither wndir the pain of tuentie pundis *toties quoties*.

Pearth, 12s.,
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19. Anent the supplicatione givin in be the burgh of Glasgow against wnfrey couparies in clauchanes and wnfrey places for buying of girthis, staves, rungis, and wtheris necessaris, duelling in wnfrey places, and making and selling of vnsufficient and small barrellis for transporting off all sort of fisches, to thair great prejudices, the present comissioneris of

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burrowis finding that thair ar severall actis of parliamentis discharging the samyn, and especiallie the 141 act par. 6 King James 6 ordaining all barrellis for everie sort of fisch to be of the qualitie and wndir such markis as is mentioned in the said act, and thairfoir they statut and ordaine that ilk burgh sall report thair dilligence in puting of the saidis actis to dew executione within thair boundis by punisching the saidis abussis, wndir the pain of 40 lib. ilk burgh.

Gildrie, Haddingtoun.

20. Anent the 29 act of the last generall conventione [and the 2 act of the particular convention held in February last] and anent another supplicatione presentit to the saidis burrowis be the merchandis of the said burgh of Haddingtoun against the saidis magistratis complaining that notwithstanding of severall actis and ordinances emittit be them for erecting of ane gildrie within the said burgh bott no obedience givin thairto, but in manifest contempt of thair auctoritie the samyn wes neglectit and denyed thame, to the great hurt and prejudice of the merchand tread of the said burgh, beseiking thairfoir thair lordships that some effectuall cours may be taken for establisching of ane gildrie within thair burgh, as the said supplication at mair lenth bearis; the present commissioneris of burrowis taking the said supplication to serious consideration does think it most fit and expedient that for the honour of the said burgh and good of the merchand tread thairin that ane dein of gild be chosen thairin, efter hearing of all that could be said be ather pairties; and thairfoir they have statut and ordanit lyk as they be thir presentis statutis and ordaines that at thair nixt election of thair magistratis that ane dein of gild be chosine in the said burgh, wndir the paine of ane wulaw of ane thousand merkis to be payit to the burrowis in caice of not obedience heirof; and to the effect the samyn may be done moir effectuellie they have ordained David Wilkie and John Milne, Robert Murray and Thomas Kincad for Edinburgh, Robert Stewart for Lithgow and David Seatoun for Bruntland to meit and conveyne at the said burgh of Haddingtoun at some convenient tyme befor the first of June nixt, and to labour for ane amicable composing of the said bussienes.

Excys of salt.

21. The present comissioneris of burrowis haveing seriouslie considerit the severall complaintis givin in against the fermoreris of the excys of bay salt, who contrair to the acts of parliament which provydis that merchandis who tread in that salt to be employed wpon the fisching of the

natione sall onlie give sufficient securitie that the salt by thame sold be onlie employed to that effect, nevertheless quhairof the saids fermoreris does refuse to accept of thair securitie or thair oathis for verifieing the same within the schyr quhair they keip tread, but caussis them consigne als much money in thair owin handis to the value of the excys of quhat is sold by thame and will take no oath wpon the verite of the samyn but in Leyth, to the great prejudice of thes quho tread in that comoditie and duell in remott plaices; for remeid of so heavie ane oppressione the present commissioneris of burrowis ordaines the burghis of Edinburgh, Dundie, Linlithgow, Stirling, Haddingtoun and Bruntilland, who ar appointed to mak applicatione to the counsall of estait for vniformitie of measuris of salt and all graine, to supplicat the said counsall of estait and comissione of excys that the act of parliament may be punctuallie observed be the saidis farmoureris and that securitie may be takin without consignment, and that they wold appoint some person or persones quhom they will intrust within the cheiff burgh or any wther convenient place within the respectiue schyrs to tak the oathis of pairties or witnessis for that effect abonewrittin.

22. Anent the supplication givin in to the burrowis by Peter Patton against the burgh of Ramfrew, complaining that he being thair wassall in ane parcell of ground called the Sandiefurd, and has also by his chartour right to the pastorage of sex sune of guidis wpon thair comoun pasturag, as his said chartour thair of at mair lenth bearis, yit nevertheles the said burgh, out of plain malice, stryves quhat in thame lyes to mak the said parcell of ground vnvsefull to him by laying intollerabl burdingis thairwpon, and his pasturage also vnvsefull by selling that pairt of thair comoun land nixt adjacent to him, and by severall wther wrongis done be the said burgh and wtheris in thair names to his tenentis, as the said supplication at length bearis; for remeid quhair of the present commissioneris of burrowis appointis the burghis of Glasgow and Dumbartane and Rutherglen to repaire to the said burgh of Ramfrew and to deall for composing of the bussienes and difference betuixt the said burgh and Peter Patoun. And anent the supplication of the burgh of Ramfrew presentit to the saidis burrowis desyring that the saidis commissioneris of burrowis wold impower thair burgh, with advyce and consent of the saidis burghis of Glasgow and Dumbartane and Rutherglen, to sell als much

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of thair comoun landis as will buy in thair comoun milne to be annexit to thair comoun good, the present comissioneris of burrowis grantis the desyr of the said burgh and ordaines the saidis burghis of Glasgow and Dumbartan and Rutherglen to concurre and assist the said burgh of Ramfrew to sell als much of thair comoun landis as will buy in the said comoun milne and no moir, and that they sie the money to be bestowit to that effect and no wtherwys.

23. The present comissioneris of burrowis taking to farder consideration the supplication presentit to thame be the burghs of Glasgow, Dumbartane and Ramfrew, anent the prejudice susteaned be thame by wnfree couparis duelling in wnfree places and buying wp of all staves, rungis, girthis, and wtheris necessities, frome wnfree persons vpon the watter of Clyd, contrair to our just richtis and priviledges, but also of the inequalitie of the measuris of barrellis maid in thes wnfree places for salting of all sortis of fisches ather transportit out of the nation or sold within the samyn, the saidis comissioneris not onlie thinkis it fit that the actis of parliament maid discharging the samyn be put to dew execution, but also ordaines that the burghs of Edinburgh, Dundie, Lithgow, Stirling, Haddingtoun and Bruntilland, who are appointed to attend the counsell of estait anent wther effaires of the burrowis, to supplicat the consall of estait for remeid of thes abuissis and to obteane ane ordinance from the said counsall of estait that all such barrellis maid for the transportation of hering, salmond, and whitfische, or of these that ar to be sold within the nation, be onlie maid within free burghis and markit with the dein of gild of the said burgh his mark, and with the mark of the makers thairof, at both endis of the saidis barrellis and bungis thairof, conforme to the ordour set doune in the 141 act of the 6 par. King James 6, and thes not so markit to be refused; and ordanis the said act to be put to dew executione be the wholl burrowis, and to report thairanent to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis.

Robertson,
minister at
Campheir.

24. Remitted to the particular convention of burghs "severall missive lettaris direct from Thomas Cuninghame, conservator, and kirk session of Campheir, for settling of Mr George Robertstone to be minister at the Scottis church at Campheir" and directed that the presbytery of Edinburgh should be consulted as to the manner of his admission.

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25. The present comissioneris haveing appointit the burghis of Edinburgh, Dundie, Abirdein, Stirling, Linlithgow, Glasgow, Air, Innernes, and Irving to meit and considder of convenience or inconvenience of the present alteration of the taxt roll, and the said comittee being conveyned and haueing givin in ther opinione that notwithstanding of the heavie pressour that lyes wpon the whole burghis, and that wndir that pressour some burghis may haue reasone to compleane of the inequalitie of thair proportionis, yit for many and weightie caussis they thought it convenient to delay the alteratione of the taxt roll till such tyme as the said conditione of the whole burrowis be representit to his Hieghnes and parliament and that ane considerabl abaitment may be indevoured to be procured, which being grantit that then it will be fit to the convention of burrowis to proportion the same amongst themselves, and for this effect they think it expedient that some man of credit with his Heighnes and parliament may be comissionat frome the burrowis to deall for the said abaitment and doe such wther thinges as may tend to the good of burrowis according to such instructiounes as salbe sent wnto him from the particular conventiones of burrowis, and thairfor that the nixt particular convention may be impowered to make choise of the said agent and to send ane comissioun vnto him, and to condescend wpon his yeirlie sallerie not exceiding ane hundreth peaces during the burrowis pleasur, quhilk report being hard and considerit be the saidis burrowis they doe approw of the samyne.

26. The present comissioneris of burrowis appoyntis the burghis of Edinburgh, Pearth, Dundie, Abirdein, Stirling, Lythgow, Glasgow, Air, Haddingtoun, Dysert, Bruntilland, Innernes, Kinghorne, Irving, Dumfermling, Selkirk, Dumbar, Peibles, Kirkcaldie, Forfar, Montrose, and Jedburgh to meit and conveane at the burgh of Edinburgh vpon the 15 day of December nixt, being Tysday, in ane particular conventione of burrowis, and the number of elevin to be ane quorum, to quhom they give power and comissioun to conclud wpon such articles as is remittit to thame be this present conventione, and contained in the severall preceeding actis thairof, as also that they seriouslie consult and agree wpon such instructionis, advyces, and letteris as they sall think expedient for the weall of the burrowis to be givin and sent to thair

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comissioneris of burrowis or agent at Londone, and to vse thair best indevouris concerning all wther immergent effairis in relatione to the weall of the estait of borrowis as they sall sie caus ; and in the meantyme that so many of thame as ar presentlie to repair to Edinburgh, to meit on Thursday nixt at ten houris in the morning in the laich counsall hous of the said burgh, and thair to resave in and to represent to the counsall of estait, comissioneris for administratione of justice to the peopl of Scotland, comissioneris of exceise at Leith, all such grivances as salbe presentit to them in relation to the publict of any burgh or burrowis in sua far as they sall think expedient, and to indeavour the redres thair of, especiallie to aduert vnto the proces now depending befor his Hienes counsall at the instance of the phisitians in relation to thair pretendit patent whether the samyne beis prosecut at London or Edinburgh or elsewhair ; and it is heirby speciallie recomendit to them to mak applicatione to the comissioneris for administratione of justice to the people of Scotland at thair doun siting that thair honoris may be pleisit to mak ane finall act annulling all suspensiouns past in fauouris of debitouris wpon the act of his Hienes counsell formerlie grantit in thair favouris in respect of the act of parliament declairing all such actis and ordoures woyd which ar not expresslie ratified in the last parliament.

Exemption,
Elgin, &c.

27. Granted exemption to the burghs of Elgin, Dingwall, Rothesay, and Inveraray to abide from meetings of burghs for five years, on the usual conditions.

Argyll, supe-
rioritie, In-
veraray.

28. The present comissioneris being informit that the whole housis of the burgh of Inueraray does heretable appertaine to the Marquis of Argyll, and that the said nobl lord did faithfullie promeis befor the inrollment of the said burgh that provyding that the convention of burrowis wold accept of and resau thame among the number of the royall burrowis he wold quyt his superioritie of the saidis houssis and to suffer thame to hold in free burgag, thairfoir the present comissioneris ordaines thes of the burrowis that ar to meit in Edinburgh on Thursday nixt or the nixt particular convention to deal with the said Marquis of Argyll for performance of his promiseist heiranent.

Selkirk, com-
mon lands.

29. Referring to the 11th act of last general convention the commissioner of Selkirk reported that proceedings had been taken against the violent possessors of their common lands, " and that they now wer so impoverished by prosecuting

of the said actione, they haveing to doe with such strong parties that they wes not able of themselves to prosecut the samyn any farder without the concurrence of the burrowis, to thair totall ruyn," whereupon they ordained the agent to concur in the prosecution on the public charges of the burghs not exceeding 200 merks. They also resolved that the agent should not concur in any other burgh's action on the public charges until there should be produced to the convention the accounts of the burgh, "quhairby the commissioneris may be cleir in their judgmentis of the saidis burghis necessities."

GLASGOW.
26 October
1657.
Selkirk, com-
mon lands.

30. Ordained the agent, when required by the burgh of Stirling, or any other burgh, to give his concurrence in prosecuting wnfreetraders.

Actiones, un-
free treaders.

30 a. Dissolved the present convention, and appointed the next general convention to begin at Edinburgh on the first Tuesday of July 1658.

Next conven-
tion.

31. Appointed the burghs of Edinburgh, Dundie, Stirling and Lythgow to meet at Pearth before the last day of May next, and "indeavour the composing of difference betuix the provest and wther magistratis, counsalleris, and dekonos of craftis of that burgh."

Pearth.

Followis ane act ordained to be added to the former actis of this present conventioun and to be subscriyvit be the moderator in name of the remanent commissioneris of the burrowis for the clarkis warrant, in respect that the protestation efter mentionat wes offert in the time of the commissioneris thair subscriyveing of the buik, quhairof the tenor followis :—

Discharge,
clark, protest-
ation, Had-
dington.

The quhilk day, the present commissioneris being conveyed and haveing givin ordour to the clark for reading over the whole actis of this present conventioun formerlie voided and approvin, which accordinglie he did till he came to the 21 act, being ane act in relatione to the gildrie in Haddingtoun, as is contained at mair length in the said act, and William Seatoun, commissioner for the said burgh, being present, declared that for divers reasones contained in ane paper produced be him, protestit against the said act and offered to tak instrumentis thairwpon in the clarkis handis, which the present commissioneris did inhibit and discharge thair said clark to accept, in respect, amongst wther reasonis, that on Setterday last at the first publict reading of the said act he did offer in the lik maner to protest and did remove but within ane hour or thairby thair- efter did returne and past from his protestatioune craveing pardon for his former raschnes and adheared to the said act so as he could not be heard thairefter to mak ony new protestatioun.

EDINBURGH.
15 December
1657.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Andrew Ramsay, David Wilkie, John Milne ; Linlithgow, Andrew Glen ; Glasgow, John Wakinschaw ; Air, Hew Kennedie ; Haddingtoun, William Seatoun ; Dysart, John Mellveill ; Kirkcaldie, John Williamsone ; Innerne, Finlaw Fraser ; Bruntilland, David Seatoun ; Irving, Mr Robert Barclay ; Jedburgh, George Moscrop ; Dumfermling, William Walker ; Perth, Dundie, Abirdein, Stirling, Monros, Kinghorne, Selkirk, Dumbar, Peibles, Forfar.

15 December 1657.

Moderator.

1. Andrew Ramsay, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

16 December 1657.

Enrollment,
Rosmarkie.

2. [For obedience of the 16 act of last general convention] compeared George Stewart, advocate, and Colein Dagleische, merchand in Edinburgh, quha were comissionat from the said burgh of Rosmarkie and Chanrie to plead thair right of erection and inrollment and produced ane box containing severall parchentis which they pretendit to be authentick chartouris for thair erectioun in ane free burgh, and desyred that thair enrollment amongst the number of the free royall burrowis may be conteanewed to be ane heid of the nixt missive which the saidis burrowis did accept for thair dilligence ; as also compeared Finlaw Fraser, commissioner for the burgh of Innerne, and declared that they had ane proces of reductioun of the saidis burghis right depending befor the commissioneris for administratioun of justice and thairfor the saidis burghis inrollment ought not to be ane head of the nixt missive till such tyme as that contraversie sould be decydit be the judg ordinar. The present commissioneris does continew the inrollment of the saidis burgh of Rosmarkie and Chanrie to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Perth, discharge, cus-
tome, post-
maister.

3. In respect the burgh of Perth did not appear or produce "thair richtis to ane postmaisterschip," as required by the 18th act of last general convention, the commissioners ratified that act discharging the exaction of 12s. of ilk pack, and ordained the clerk to intimate the same to the burgh.

17 December 1657.

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17 December
1657.

4. [Anent the 25 act of last general convention, the commissioners resolved to appoint George Downing, for prosecuting the affaires of the burghs in London and granted him the following commission :] Be it kend till all men be thir presentis we, wndirsubscriyveris, comissioneris of severall burrowis in Scotland, being conveened in Edinburgh in ane particular conventione, forsameikl as the whole commissioneris of burrowis of this natione being conveened in Glasgow vpon the 20 day of October last bypast amongst wtheris thair weightie effairis finding it necessar for the comoun weall of the whole free burrowis, according to thair laudible custome, to haue some faithfull and weall qualified persone at court to agent thair publict effaires before his Hieghnes honorabill parliament and his Hieghnes counsall and wther publict personis in auctorite, and for that effect did give power and command to the foirsaid particular conventione to meit at Edinburgh the 15 day of December instant and search out and condiscend vpon such ane persone as micht be most qualified for that purpos, and wee efter long and serious deliberatione finding our wealbelovd freind George Downing, esquire, scout-maister generall, ane person of knowin integritie and of whos fidelitie and abilities wee haue had sufficient experience ; thairfoir witt ye ws to haue nominat, electit, and constitut, lyk as wee be thir presentis nominatis, electis, and vnanimouslie constitutis the said George Downing to be publict agent for the hail free burrowis of this natione duiring thair pleasur, givand, grantand, and comittand to him our verie free plaine power, mandament, bidding, and charge for the saidis free burrowis and in thair names to negotiat and agent all thair publict effairis befor his Heighnes, the said honorabill parliament, and his Heighnes counsall and wtheris, according to such instructiones and advyces as he sall from tyme to tyme resaue from the said generall conventione of burrowis or frome anie wther particular conventione thair of, or towne of Edinburgh in thair names, and generallie to doe all wther thingis which to the office of ane agent be the lawis of this natioun ar known to appertein. In witnes quhair of, [etc. The convention directed the commission to be delivered by the hands of Androw Ramsay, provost of Edinburgh, “ quho is to repair to the said ensewing parliament as representing the burrowis,” and directed 2000 merkis to be

Electione,
agent at Lon-
doun, missive.

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Culros, gildrie.

borrowed to pay a year's salary of the agent in London, and each burgh to send their shares to next general convention.]

5. The present comissioneris of burrowis taking to consideration ane missive letter presentit to thame be William Walker, comissioner from Dumfermling, direct to him be William Bodume, merchand in Culros, for himselff and in name of the traffiquing merchandis of that burgh complaining of severall abussis comittit be the present magistratis, consisting for the most part all of treadsmen, against the merchand tread, and especiallie in refusing to admitt any to the freedom of ane burges within thair burgh vpon whatsoever right they have thairto without they ingadg thameselues to stand in oppositioun to the erectione of ane gildrie within thair burgh, with severall wther particularis mentioned in the said missive, thairfore they ordaine thair clerk in thair names to wreat to the present magistratis of the said burgh and to advys thame to forbear any such proceedingis and that they wold send one of thair number to the nixt particular conventione quhensoever the samyn sall happin to be, wpon advertisment from thair said clerk, for vindicating of thameselues of thes abuissis, and that they acquaint the said William Adam heirwith that he may be also present at the said nixt particular conventione for making good his complaintis.

Supplicatione,
phisitiane.

6. Anent the supplicatione presentit to the saidis comissioneris of burrowis be Doctor Robert Cuninghame and Doctor Henry Hendersone, doctoris of medicine, for thameselues and in name of the baill phisitiane of this natione, desyring that some of thair number micht be appointit to meit with them and to condescend wpon such overtures for rectifieing of severall clawsis contained in thair patent for erecting of ane colledg of phisitiane within this natione as may be satisfactorie to the generall conventione of burrowis and wther just interestis, and that the samyn may carie nothing in it but quhat is for the advancement of learneing, the good of the land and particular interestis thairin as said is, as the said supplicatione at mair lenth bearis; the present comissioneris of burrowis haveing considerit the said petition think it fitt and expedient that ane full draucht of ane patent may be dravin wp be the saidis phisitiane as they conceave may satisfie all just interestis, and thairfor they have appointed John Jossie, present baillie of Edinburgh, Dauid Wilkie, dean of gild, Robert Murray, lait baillie and burges thair, John Milne, maister

meason, James Borthwick and Thomas Kincaid, chirurgian apothecaries of the said burgh, the comissioners of Abirdein, Glasgow, and St Androwis, at some convenient tyme befor the nixt conventione to attend the saidis phisitianes wpon their adwertisement quhen the samyn patent salbe in readines, and that the samyn salbe takin in consideratioun by them or ony fvy of them being present, and they to report thair opinion thairfof to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis.

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1657.
Supplicatione,
phisicianes.

7. The commissioners agreed to the supplication of the merchants of Kirkcaldie desyring that the "erectione of ane gildrie within thair burgh, conforme to thair charter of erection, may be ane heid of the nixt missive," and directed the burghs to send thair commissioners instructed to next generall convention.

Kirkcaldie,
dein of gild
missive.

8. Anent the 24th act of last general convention, the commissioners "recomendit Dauid Wilkie, dein of gild of Edinburgh, and Johne Milne, maister maeson, thair, to deall with the presbetrie of Edinburgh that some effectuall cours may be takin be thame" for the ordination of George Robertson as minister of the Scots kirk at Campheir, "they finding him sufficientlie qualified to that effect."

Minister at
Campheir.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

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6 July 1658.

Edinburgh, John Jossie, Dauid Wilkie, John Milne; Pearth, Mr Johne Patersone; Dundie, Robert Daudsone; Abirdein, John Jaffray; Stirling, Duncan Nairne; Linlithgow, Androw Glen; St Androis, Androw Carstaires; Glasgow, John Wakinschaw; Air, Johne Fergusone; Dysart, Williame Symson; Kirkcaldie, John Williamson; Monros Robert Tailyeour; Coupar, John Cristiesone; Anstruther Eister, John Watson; Dumfreis, Johne Corbet; Innernes, Donald Foullar; Bruntilland, Dauid Seatoun; Innerkeything, Robert Broun; Kinghorn, John Bruce; Brichane, Johne Skynner; Irving, Mr Robert Barclay; Jedburgh, John Rutherfoord; Pitinweme, George Smyth; Dumfermling, William Walker; Dumbartan, John Cuninghame; Dumbar, James Kellie; Ramfrew, John Somervell; Lanrick, Michael Gemmell; Arbroath, John Auchterlonie; Elgin, Alexander Dumbar; Peibles, Alexander Williamsone; Carail, John Daw; Taine, Androw M'Culloch; Culros, William Pearstone; Forfar, Alexander Scott; Nairne, Hew Dollare; Rutherglen, Walter Riddill; Northberwick, Robert Sandelandis; Lauder, Thomas

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Cranstone ; Lochmabein, John Jonstoun ; Queinsferrie, Archibald Wilsone ; Inueraray, John Yuill ; Haddingtoun, Kirkcudbrycht, Wigtown, Anstruther Wester, Selkirk, Bamffe, Whythorne, Rothesay, Forres, Cullan, Killrennie, Annan, Sanquhar, Gallaway, Dingwall, and Dornoch (*blank*).

6 July 1658.

Moderator.

1. John Jossie, bailie and first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

Hours of meeting.

2. Hours of meeting appointed to be from nine till twelve and from three till six ; those absent at calling of the rolls, or who go out of the house without licence to be unlauded in 6s. Scots ; those absent from any diet or who leave the convention before it is dissolved to be unlauded in 12s. ; "and that nane speik wnrequyrit without leive askit or givin nor intermix thair reasoning with thair voiceing wnder the pain of sex shillings *toties quoties*."

7 July 1658.

Abirdein,
customs at
mercats.

3. Continues the matter referred to in the 4th act of last general convention to be a head of the next missive.

Cuninghame,
factor, Cam-
pheid.

4. Instructed the clerk of new to write to Thomas Cuninghame, factor at Campheid, as in the 13th act of last general convention.

Complaint,
Invernes
contra Thurso.

5. On the complaint of the burgh of Invernes "against the towne of Thurso in Caitnes wsurping the libertie of the free royall burrowis to thair great hurt and prejudice," the commissioners ordained that burgh, with the concurrence of the agent, to prosecute the usurpers of their privileges.

Burrowis,
phisicianis,
debitors, etc.,
Selkirk, Rothe-
say.

6, 7, 8. The commissioners appointed the business mentioned in the 26th, 5th, 29th, and 6th acts of last general convention to be heads of the next missive for consideration at next general convention.

Wigtoun, de-
creit arbitral.

9. Ordained the agent to exact from Wigtoun an unlaw of £100 for not producing the decret arbitral between them and the Earl of Galloway, as required by the 7th act of last general convention, as also ordained the burgh to produce the decret to next general convention.

Inrollment,
Rosmarkie.

10. Anent the second act of the last particular convention compared the burgh of Inuernes and producit ane supplication with informationis against the inrolling of the saidis burghis of Rosmarkie and Chanrie amongst the number of the free burrowis, as also thair gift of erectione, as also compared James Anderson, merchand in Chanrie, comissionat for the inrollment of the saidis burghis, and presentit also ane

supplication to the saidis burrowis for that effect reserveing action to the said burgh of Inuernes *provt de jure* with thair gift off erectione, which paperis *hinc inde* being sein and considerit be the saidis comissioneris of burrowis they find the burghis of Rosmarkie and Chanrie hes just right to be inrolled and ressaut amongst the number of the free royall burrowis, yit becaus thair is ane action of reduction depending befor the judges at the instance of the burgh of Inuernes against them, the present comissioneris of burrowis continewis the inrolling of the said burgh of Rosmarkie and Chanrie at this tyme to the nixt generall conventione, with this certification that if the said action of reduction depending be not discussed befor the nixt generall conventione of burrowis that they will proceed to the inrollment of the said burgh without farder delay, and thairfor ordaines the said burgh of Inuernes to produce thair dilligence in obtaining the samyn discussed to the nixt generall conventione.

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Inrollment,
Rosmarkie.

11. The commissioners approved of the diligence of Robert Barclay and the agent under the 10th act of last general convention, and ordained them to report farther to next general convention.

Diligence
anent vnfree
treaderis.

12. Anent the 25 act of last generall convention . . . the present commissioneris considdering that for many graue and weightie reasons the alteratione of the said taxt roll could not be convenientlie done at this tyme seing the burrowis proportion of ces wes imposed by act of parliament till the year 1660 which could not be altered and that thair hes bein no parliament quhair abaitment of thair proportion may be sought, thairfor they haue continewit the haill premissis *in statu quo nunc* to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Alteration of
the taxt roll.

8 July 1658.

13. Ordained that the matter referred to in the 30th act of last general convention be a head of the next missive.

Stirling, unfree
treaderis.

14. Anent the 5th act of last particular conventione [and the 17th act of last general convention, compeared William Pearson, bailie and commissioner for the burgh of Culros, and William Adame, merchant, Culros,] with severall wther merchandis, and acknowledgit that the clark had don his dilligence in wryting to the magistratis of thair burgh for thair peaceabl caridg to tham and doing thair dewitie to tham in thair

Gildrie, Cul-
ros, missive.

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8 July 1658.
Gildrie, Cul-
ros, missive.

offices, which the saidis merchandis acknowledgit wes punctuallie obseruit qubilk the saidis commissioneris acceptit as dilligence from the clark ; and siclik the said William Adam producit severall instructionis and paperis for instructing of his complaint with ane new supplication desyring ane gildrie to be erectit within thair burgh conforme to thair errectione ; as also compeared William Pearson, comissioner for the said burgh, and producit thair chartour of errectione with ane supplicatione and seuerall wther paperis against the errectione of ane gildrie within thair said burgh, as saidis supplication and paperis at mair lenth bearis ; all which paperis, with the gift of errectione, being red, sein, and seriouslie considerit be the present commissioneris, they find the present condition of that burgh verie confused and the constitution of thair counsall consisting of some privat men and craftis without merchandis to be werie irregular and against the ordour vsed or allowed in burghis in the election of magistratis and counsall, thairfoir the present comissioneris of burrowis hes appointed Dauid Wilkie and John Milne for the burgh of Edinburgh, Mr John Patersone for Pearth, Duncan Nairn for Stirling, Androw Glen for Lithgow, Dauid Seatoun for Bruntilland, and William Walker for the burgh of Dumfermling, to meit and conveyin at the said burgh of Culros wpon the last day of August nixt, and Culros to conveyin thame, and thair to settle first the number and qualitie of thair counsall and the samyn to be obserued in all tyme cuming ; and for the weall of the merchand tread of the said burgh, and conforme to the ordour contained in the erection, the magistratis and counsall of the said burgh at thair nixt election elect ane dein of gild in the said burgh, and in caice of the saidis magistratis and counsall thair refusall to obey the premissis the saidis burghis to report the samyn to the nixt particular convention wha salbe impowred to ordaine the samyn to be performed.

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Gildrie, Kirk-
caldie.

15. Anent the 7th act of last particular convention [compeared David Ferguson, in name of the merchants of Kirkcaldie, and presented a new supplication craving that a guildrie may be erected within the burgh,] with ane act of thair towne counsall maid wpon the production of thair said gift in counsall to know how far thair libertie did extend which wes occasioned vpon ane supplication presentit to theme be the

treadis of the said burgh of Kirkcaldie desyring ane deikinrie may be errectit among thame, and finding that thair said gift did carie thes wordis—" with power to the baillics and counsall of the said burgh to elect, nominat, and creat provest, bailleis, and dein of gild, thesaurer and all wther members necessar for ruling of the said burgh"—lykas compeared James Law, Robert Whyt and Thomas Boswell, merchandis of the said burgh, and presentit ane suplicatione to the saidis burrowis desyring that no alteratione micht be maid at this tyme in the government of the said burgh for the caussis thairin contained, nather by erecting of ane gildrie nor creating of ane deykinrie in thair said burgh; as also ane instrument takin be the said David Ferguson against the creating of deykins till first the gildrie sould be erectit and by James Law and these of the wther partie against both, but submittit the determinatioun therof to the present convention of burrowis, with divers wtheris paperis, whilk being sein and considerit and being thairwith ryplie advysed they haue vnanimouslie agreed, and be thir presentishave statut and ordained that conforme to thair gift of erectione ane gildrie may be errectit within the said burgh of Kirkcaldie at thair nixt electione of thair magistratis, and for the moir peaceabl and easie carying on of the said bussienes ordaines the burghis of Edinburgh, Dundie, St Androis, Perth, Bruntilland, Dysart and Dumfermling to meit at the said burgh of Kirkcaldie on Thursday the 26 of August nixt, and David Ferguson to be conveyner and the major plus thair of to be ane quorum, and to settle the gildrie of the said burghe seing it is acknowledgit by bothe the saidis pairties that thair said gift impowereth thame to that effect.

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Gildrie, Kirk-
caldie.

16. Referring to the 12th act of the particular convention held in February 1657, the commissioners deprived Androw Skeine of his office as factor for the nation at Campheir, he not having complied with the act. Skein, factor,
deprived.

17. The present commissioners, taking to thair consideratione how much thair staple port at Campheir hes bein neglected in thir trublsome tymes and what prejudice the samyn hes sustained by merchandis and skipperis transporting of staple commodities by the staple port, and thairfore they have ratified, confirmed, and approvin all former actes of borrowis maid in favouris of the said staple port, and does heirby give full power and comissione to the conservatour and his deputis to put the Staple port at
Campheir.

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Staple port at
Campheir.

saidis actis to dew executione against all persones transgressoris of the samyn and to punisch them conforme thairto, as also ratefies and approves all actis of burrowis maid anent the merchandis thair keiping of thair dyet at the conserjerie hous at Campheir, and that the said conservatour and his deput put the samyn to dew executione against the contraveineris of the samyn, and becaus the long absence of the conservatour frome the exerceise of his office hes bein verie prejudiciall to the stapl and hes occasioned many of thes abussis, the present comissioneris ordaines thair generall clark in thair neames to wreat ane letter to him to repair speidilie and with all convenient dilligence to Campheir to the exerceis of his office, and in the mean tyme to give expres ordour to Samuuell Wallace, his deput, to tak cair for rectifying thes abussis at the stapl port, and that he suffer not any factour suspendit to exerceis the said office of factorie till first he give obedience to the saidis borrowis, and that he intimat to Androw Skein, lait factour at the said port, his deprivatione frome the said office of factorie at the said port and not to suffer him to intromet with no merchand guidis in tyme cuming.

10 July 1658.

Burgessis, re-
sidence.

18. Anent the complaint of the burgh of Linlithgow, representing that certain unfree traders against whom they intended proceedings had been admitted burgesses by Queensferry and other burghs though not actual residents, the commissioners "statut and ordanit that na burgh admitt or resaue any to be burgessis or gild bretheren within thair respectiue burghis till first they find cautione to mak thair constant residence within thair burgh within yeir and day conforme to the actis of burrowis maid thairanent."

Constitutione
of the counsall
of Pearth.

19. Anent the 8 [and 31 acts of last general convention] compeared David Wilkie, comissioner for Edinburgh, for himselff and in name of the rest of the burrowis who wer appointit to go to Pearth for that effect, and reportit that according to the burrowis ordour they went to Pearth in May last to haue composed the said difference but could prevail nothing in respect the treadis declyned to submitt to thair decisione, which the burrowis acceptis for dilligence; compeared Androw Butter, present provest of Pearth, for himselff and in name of the magistratis and merchandis of the said burgh, as also compeared Patrick Crie,

deykin of the skinneris of the said burgh, and John Dauidstone one of the hamermen of the said burgh, and in name of the craftismen of the samyn burgh, producit severall paperis *hinc inde*, petitiounes, ansueris, and replyes in relatione to the craftis ancient right anent their number in the counsall, which being read and considerit be the saidis comissioneris of burrowis together with the present constitution of thair magistratis and counsall and qualitie of the persouns quhair of the samyn did consist, they find the number of thair counsell to be 28 personis, quhair of 14 merchandis and 14 treadsmen, and that everie second yeir thar thesaurer, being ane treadsmen, makis thame one moir in voicing nor the merchandis; the present comissioneris of burrowis for settleing peace betuixt the merchandis and treadsmen of the said burgh of Pearth at present, and for avoiding of all contraversie that may arys thairanent in tym cuming, have statut and ordained the number of magistratis and counsell to consist of 26 persounes, quhair of 14 merchandis and 12 treadsmen, quhair of the walker and webster tread salbe non of the number to be upon the counsall, and of which number of 12 treadsmen thair salbe one baillie, four counsellouris, and sevin deykins, making wp in all the said number of 12; and becaus everie second yeir according to thair constitution ane treadsmen is to be thesaurer, in that yeir thair salbe only thrie counsellouris of tredsmen so that they sall not exceid the number of 12 persounes, so that of the whole number of the counsell of 26 personis the merchantis ar to consist of 14 magistratis and counsellouris of quhom the thesaurer is to be accomptit one in the yeir quhen ane merchand thesaurer is chosen, without prejudice to the provest to have tuo voices according to the accustomed maner which makis the voices of the marchantes in the election of magistratis and counsall 15 voitis; and that non salbe electit nor listed to be magistratis, counsellouris, nor deykins, but such as haue bein or presentlie ar actuall trafficqueing merchandis or quho ar or haue bein actuall treadsmen, without prejudice to each pairtie to enjoy and posses all thair wther richtis and priveledges as they have bein formerlie accustomed to doe; and ordainis this ordour to be inviolablie keiped in all tyme cuming, and to begin with the samyn at thair nixt electione, undir the paine of fyve hundreth pundis Scottis by and attour the fulfilling of the premissis; and both pairties compearand accepted of the burrowis determinatioun in

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of Pearth.

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of Pearth.

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payment of
30,000 lib.

the said matter and desyred each of them ane extract of the decreit which the saids borrowis appointed to be done and the samyn to be appoyntit to be insert in thair counsell book for ane perpetuall ordour in tyme cuming.

20. Forsameikle as it hes bein representit to the commissioners of burrowis presentlie conveyned by severall gentillmen of the schyres that thair is ane persuit intentit against the whole natione by certane persones who have payit severall publict debtis for payment to theme of the sowme of therty thousand pund sterling and desyryng thair concurrance and assistance in defence of the said pursuit, the present comissioneris of burrowis takin the samyne to consideratioune and finding it incumbent to thame to be assistant in all fair and legall wayis to obviat everie burding or prejudice that may befall thair estat, and especiallie ane burding of so dangerous ane consequence, they have thairfoir appointit the burghis of Edinburgh, Lithgow, Bruntilland, and Arbroath, together with thair agent, with all such vther burghis as sall happin to be in towne for the tyme, and requyrit be the agent to attend, to concurr with bim and with the commissioneris appointit from the schyres to that effect in defence of the said pursuit, and to solicitat and consult thairanent.

Agentiscompt,
etc.

21. The commissioners having examined the agent's accounts, extending to £2556, 0s. 8d., ordained the burghs to pay their proportions conform to the tax-roll; instructed the agent to ascertain if George Downing had accepted the office of agent at London, and had received his salary of 2000 merks; ordained "ane register to be maid quhairin the agentis accomptis ar yeirlye to be insert and kept by our said clark;" and directed Robert Barclay and the agent to proceed with the action raised by them against unfree traders, and the agent to advance whatever money shall be needful for the purpose.

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the phisicianes.

22. [The commissioners having taken to consideration the proceedings mentioned in the 15th act of last general convention, the 6th act of the particular convention held in December last, and the report of the committee thereupon, whereby it appears that] the said comitie haveing mett, compeared the saidis doctoris Cuninghame, Burnet, and Hendersone and condiscendit to them to mak the said draught of thair patent readie against the next meitting, and that they were content to quyt the old patent, and promised that in tyme cuming they sould not prejudice the freemen professouris of the airt of chyirurgiarie or pharmace in free

burrowis in thair imploymentis, by withdrawing of thair patentis or otherwys, in prejudice of the richtis and liberties established on them who wer willing as affordsaid from the saidis doctoris conforme to thair bill and promiseis to the comitte at thair first meiting; lyk as at thair last meiting, which wes on Monunday the 4 of this instant, compeared onlie the Doctoris Cuninghame and Henrysone who did ingeniously declare for themselves that they continewd still cleir in thair judgmentis in adheiring to all the promissis and wold undertak the lyk of Doctor Burnet, but that they found severall of thair colegues both in this and wther burghis and schyres auers and indifferent beyound expectatioun, so that they had not resaued from thame thair comissionis nor satisfactorie ansueris, and that thairfoir they had not trubled themselves with the making up of any new draught of ane patent for satisfactioun of the interest of the burrowis and all wther just interestis; as wes cleirly wnderstood to the present comissioneris of burrowis by report of the proceedings maid to thame be John Jossie, moderatour of the said comitte, by all which procedures the present comissioneris haue just reasone to suspect that some of the doctoris doe wait for ane opportunitie to pas the said patent or some wther of the lyk natur without consent of the burrowis and wtheris interested, to thair manifest prejudice in thair liberties, and doe thairfoir find themselves oblidge by all just and lawfull meanes to secur themselves from any such patent, wnder the name of ane colledg of phisitians, may prove a dangerous monopolie; and becaus the burrowis duplyes to the doctoris paperis in expectatioun to ane amicable clois have bein keiped wp thes sevin or eight monthes and not presentit to his Heighnes counsell to be by them considerit as ane pairt of the depending proces, thairfoir they ordaine the burghis of Edinburgh, John Jossie, David Wilkie, John Milne, James Borthwick and Thomas Kincaid, Aberdeen, Glasgow and Sanct Androis, and fyve to be a quorum, to be ane comitte to meit at Edinburgh at all occasiounes necessar and to vse thair best indeavouris for annulling of the said pretendit patent, with power to thame as they sall sie caus to give and present the saidis duplyes to his Hienes counsell and to doe any thing els which they in their discretion sall think fit to the effect foirsaid; and for the farder assistance of the said comitte ordanis the burghis several agentis at Londin and Edinburgh to concurr with the comitte in thair said just defence, and farther

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ordaines that if it sall happin that any comissioneris salbe direct frome the burrowis ather to his Hienes or any ensewing parliament, that they be particularlie instructit frome the burrowis fra quhom they ar to haue comissiouns to consult and concurr with thair agent at London and to meit amongst themselues for annulling of the said patent or to stop any wther quhairin the burrowis or the comittee appointed be them for that effect ar not first satisfied, if any sall happin to be presentit to his Hienes or parliament; and yit notwithstanding giue the doctoris sall yit grant to the annulling of thair patent and give in ane new draught to thame savinge all interestis to thair satisfaction and to petitione as affordsaid, that the comittee be impoured to transact with thame or at least to resaeu quhat they offer and to report.

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commoditie.

23. Remitted to next particular convention consideration of the third act of last general convention, together with the several papers and instructions from the conservator thereanent.

Commissioun
for Hadding-
toun refused.

24. Anent the supplicatioun presentit to the saidis burrowis be George Cockburne, elder, and Harie Sleigh, merchandis of Haddingtoun, for themselves and in name of the rest of the merchandis of the said burgh, complaining that the provest and magistratis and counsall of Haddingtoun had contraveined the severall ordouris of the burrowis, and especiallie the 21 act of the said last generall conventione anent the establisching of ane gildrie in the said burgh, and had protested against the act of the generall conventione thairin, for which caus he ought not to be admittit as ane comissioner at this present conventione untill he sould pas from his protestatioun and subscriue the buik, as at mair length is contained in the said supplicatioun, the present comissioneris haveing considerit the desyre of the said supplicatioun and haveing caused some of thair number deal with the said William Seatoun by all fair meanes to induce him to subscriue the book and pas from his protestation which he willfullie refused in respect thair magistratis and counsall had approvyn of his doing of the samyn, thairfor they did refuis his comission or to admitt or resaeu him as ane member of this present convention for the caussis abouementionat.

25. Anent the 22 act of last generall conventione . . . compeared the commissioner for Glasgow and presentit the report wndirwrittin, quhair of the tenor followis: At Ramfrew the 29 day of June 1658 yeiris, being convenit conforme to the said act of the last generall conventione of burrowis, John Bell, dein of gild of Glasgow, Mr Donald M'Alpine, dein of gild of Dumbartane, and Waltir Riddill, provest of Rutherglen, and comissioneris for the saidis burrowis of Glasgow, Dumbartan, and Rutherglen, for composing the difference betuixt the said burgh of Ramfrow and Peter Pattoun, heretour of the landis of Sandiefoord lyand within the burgh of Ramfrew, anent the said Peter his richt of pasturage of sex sowmes of gras vpon the comoun muir of Ramfrew and libertie of casting fewall and divot on the said muir of Ramfrew, and the saidis comissioneris of the burrowis of Glasgow, Dumbartan, and Rutherglen haveing called befor thame the magistratis of the said burgh of Ramfrow and the said Peter Pattoun, and haveing takin notice of the said comoun muir of Ramfrew quhairwpon the said Peter hes libertie of pasturag and casting of faill and divott, and lykwys haueing heard the informatione of both the saidis pairties at length anent the premisses, and being herewith weall and ryplie advysed, the saidis comissioneris have appointed and hereby appointis the said burgh of Renfrew to give and dispoen to the said Peter and to his aires and assignayes heretable fyve aikers of land of the said comoun muir of Renfrew nixt adjacent to his march of Sandiefoord frome the east syd of the comoun way that goes to Paislay alongst his march of alyk breidth, and that in satisfaction to the said Peter and his foirsaidis of the said pasturag of sex sowmes and libertie of casting fewall and divet [which sentence the magistrates and council of Ramfrew and Peter Pattoun, being present, ratified and approved, and they obliged themselves to implement it. The commissioners approved of the report, and continued the part of the act referring to the selling of common lands to be a head of the next missive.]

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Agreement,
burgh of Ram-
frew and Peiter
Pattoun.

26. Referring to the 21st act of last general convention, David Wilkie, com- Salt.
missioner for Edinburgh, reported that he with the commissioner of Abirdein,
" had don thair dilligence in relatione to the laist pairt of the act anent importa-
tion of salt and had obtenead ane act of his hienes counsall to that effect." The
part of the act as to uniformity of measures of salt was appointed to be a head
of next missive.

27. Anent the 19th and 23d acts of last general convention, the commissioners Transporting
ordained " that ane exact tryall be takin be the haill burrowis that the saidis of fisches.

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Complaint
contra Linlith-
gow, customes.

Complaint,
Dumbar con-
tra Glasgow.

Supplie, Dum-
freis, kirk.

Haddingtoun,
gildrie.

Coupar.

Argyll, burgh
of Inuerarary.

Taine, exemp-
tion.

Pearth, cus-
tome.

Brichan,
vsurperis of
commonlandis.

barrellis of hering, salmond, and whyt fisches be exactlie maid according to the richt jadge and measur prescryvit be actis of parliament."

28. Remitted to the next particular convention to consider the supplication of John Jameson, "flescheour of Edinburgh, for himself and in name of his brethren against the burgh of Linlithgow for exacting of double custome for goodis cuming through or by thair burgh when no mercat is maid notwithstanding of severall decreitis of burrowis discharging the samyne."

29. Anent the complaint of Dumbarton against Glasgow that the latter "does cellar thair salt in wnfree places to thair prejudice" ordained the commissioners of Edinburgh, Abirdein, Lynlithgow, Bruntilland, and Irving "to speak with both pairties befor they depairt from the place and to deall to compos the bussienes."

30. Anent the supplicatioun givin in to them be the burgh of Dumfreis craving supplie for building of ane new church in thair burgh, the present comissioneris findis that they ar not in ane capacitie at this tyme but that supplication thairanent may be maid to the counsall of estait, and the burrowis that sall happin to be present to concurr and assist them.

31. In terms of a supplication of the merchants of Haddingtoun, the commissioners ordained the burghs of Edinburgh, Linlithgow, Bruntilland and Dumbar, with the concurrence of the clerk, to meet at Haddingtoun on the second Tuesday of August next, for settling of the guildry of the burgh, and in case of the burgh refusing, to exact the penalty of 1000 merks for the use of the complainers.

32. Ordained each burgh to send their proportions of £80 to be givin to the burgh of Coupar for "the great chairges they have bein at in wreating and directing of tua missives in anno 1650 and 1651."

33. Anent the 18th act of last general convention, David Wilkie reported "that they had spokin with the Marqueis of Argyll in the said bussienes but had received no satisfactorie ansuer at present, therfor the present comissioners recomendis onything that is farder to be don thairin to the nixt convention."

34. Granted exemption to the burgh of Tain to abide from general and particular conventions for three years.

35. The clerk reported that he had communicated to the burgh of Perth the third act of last particular convention, and the commissioners discharged the burgh "from exacting any such exorbitant custome heirefter wudir the paine of 40 lib."

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36. Anent the supplication presentit to the burrowis be the burgh of Brichane against the Earle of Southesk and wther gentلمان, wiolent pos-

sessouris of thair comoun muir and comoun landis, notwithstanding of EDINBURGH.
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seuerall interuptionis mad be thame, the present comissioneris of burrowis haue recomendit the samyn to the nixt particular convention, and ordaines the burgh of Brichtane to produce thair richtis to the said convention to be sein and considert be thame, and in the meantyme the burghs of Edinburgh, Dundie, Munros, Abirdein and Arbroath for accomodatione or at least may suffer the burgh of Breichane to leid ther peitis peaceable this present yeir wntill thair richtis be considert wpon.

37. Appointis the burghis of Edinburgh, Pearth, Dundie, Abirdein, Burghs appointed to keip particular convention.
Stirling, Linlithgow, Sanct Androis, Glasgow, Air, Bruntilland, Irving, Jedburgh, Arbroath, Dumfermling, Dumbar, Kirkcaldie, Dumbartan, Quenisferrie, Monros and Dysart, and eleuin to be ane quorum, to meit and convein at the burgh of Edinburgh wpon thair advertisement quhen they sall fynd opportunitie and necessitie requyring the samyn, and thair to keip ane particular convention for concluding wpon such articles of the missive and wther bussienes mentionat and recomendit to tham from the generall conventione and wpon all wther emergent effairis that sall happen to be propondit thairin in relation to the estait of burrowis and to be empowered to doe everie thing anent the premissis requisit.

38. Dissolved the present convention and appointed the next general convention to begin at Abirdein on the first Tuesday of July next. Nixt convention.

39. Ordained the agent in November next to pay to the "maisseris fourtie merkis Scottis quhich is thair ordinar allowance to thame." Maisseris dewis.

40. Recommitted to the particular convention to settle a difference between the executrix of Alexander Guthrie and the agent as to a mistake in the accounts. Guthrie, agent, 250 lib.

41. Anent the supplication presentit to the burrowis be the burgh of Taine representing the povertie of thair said burgh and desyring ane visitatioune of the samyn to be maid be thair nightbouring burghis that the present condition thairof may be knowin to the burrowis, the present comissioneris appointis the burghis of Inuernes, Elgin, Forres, and Nairne to visit the said burgh befor the nixt generall convention and to report the conditione thairof to the nixt generall convention. Visitation of Tain.

42. The present comissioneris taking to thair consideratioune some particularis to be recomendit to the particular convention, ordaines the said particular conventione tak cair first that forsameikle as ane petitione to this convention by severall merchandis and wtheris for vseing thair Coyning of turners.

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Coyning of
turners.

indeavouris with the supreme auctorite for procuring ane libertie that some quantitie of coper coyn, comonlie called turners, be coyned, without which great prejudice aryses not onlie to the poor bot to comerce and tread itselff, thairfore the said particular conventione to consider thair of and to doe thairin quhat they sall think expedient and to report.

Action anent
the £30,000.

43. The present commissioneris wpon farder consideratione of the 20 act of this present convention anent the proces of thertie thousand pund sterling, finding that the said actione may requyr considerabl charges to be debursit, recomendit the consideratioun thair of to the said particular convention, and impowars them if neid be to tak cours and give ordour to the agent to furnisch money for the effect foirsaid and to do everie thing ather befor the severall courtis of justice or befor his Hienes or parliament at Londone which they sall find necessar for the securing of the said bussienes and to report.

Craftis and
magistratis,
Monros.

44. Anent the supplicatione presentit be craftis of Monros desyryng that, conforme to ordour of wther burghis, deykins of craftis may be erected within thair said burgh and that they may have voice in thair counsall, the present comissioneris of burrowis haveing considerit thair said supplicatione they have thairfoir recomendit to the present comissioner frome the burgh of Monros to agree with the saidis craftis, and in caice of no agreement the present comissioneris apointis this supplicatione to be appointit to be ane heid of the nixt missive, and the saidis magistratis to present thair chartour to the said generall conventione.

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PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Commissioners.

Edinburgh, Sir James Stewart, Dauid Wilkie, John Milne ; Pearth, James Dyke ; Dundie, Alexander Haliburtoun ; Abirdein, Mr Robert Petrie ; Stirling, James Stewinson ; Linlithgow, Androw Glen ; St Androis, Androw Carstairs ; Air, William Cuninghame ; Dysart, William Symson ; Kirkcaldie, Robert Whyt ; Munros, Johnne Riddill ; Brunteilland, Dauid Seatoune ; Irving, Mr Robert Barclay ; Jedburgh, Robert Ker ; Dumbar, Thomas Purves ; Arbroath, John Aikman ; Glasgow, Dumfermling, Dumbartane and Quinisferrie (*blank*).

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Moderator.

1. Sir James Stewart, provost, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

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2. The present comissioneris of burrowis now conveyned, conforme to the 37 act of the last generall conventione, tairking to thair consideratione the complaint of seuerall adjacent burrowis who wpon all occasions ar called to attend the comoune effairis of the burrowis, quhairby the saidis comissioneris and thair burghis ar put to great charges, against all equitie and reasone, seing the buissienes concernis the haill burrowis in generall, thairfoir the saidis comissioneris of burrowis haue thought fitt to recomend to the nixt generall conventione that quhair any burghis salbe appointed to attend at Edinburgh or elsquhair vpon the prosecutione of any actione quhairin the wholl burrowis ar interessed, that thair may be ane competent allowance modiefied to the comissioneris that salbe appointed to attend the said publict bussienes wpon the publick chairge of the whole burrowis as they sall think expedient, and that the said generall conventione wold tak to consideratione that some allowance may be granted to thes burrowis who haue been employed since the last generall conventione to attend the oppositioune of the action intentit be certan personis for payment of the sowme of thertie thousand pund sterling off the wholl natione quhairof the burrowis is ane considerabl member.

Burghis
attending
comoun
effairis.

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3. Anent the 23 act of last generall conventione of burrowis anent the reference maid to this particular conventione anent the taking to thair consideratione the establisching of coall to be ane staple comoditie, with severall wtheris paperis, letteris, and instructionis sent to the burrowis be Sir Thomas Cunynghame, conservatour, compeired William Thomson, generall clark to the saidis burrowis, and presentit ane missive letter direct from the said Sir Thomas Cuninghame quhairin is contained severall articles and proposellis offered be the said Sir Thomas in name of the coall contracteris in Holland to the coall maisteris of this natione

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in relatione to the agreement for establisching of coall to be ane staple comoditie at Campheir and bargaining with the saidis coall maisteris for buying wp of the wholl coall within the natione for ane certane number of yearis, as specifiet in the said letter and many wther paperis sent be the said Sir Thomas to severall conventions of burrowis, which the saidis comissioneris haueing considerit, and finding the opportunitie of ane meiting of the coall maisteris presentlie at this burgh, thought fitt to appoint Androw Glen, comissioner for Linlithgow, and David Seattoun for Bruntilland to speik with the saidis coall maisteris now conveyed to know thair myndis anent the establisching of coall to be ane staple comoditie and wpon the articles and proposellis offered to seuerall of thair number and to the saidis burrowis by the said conservatour in name fairsaid ; lykas the said Androw Glen and David Seatoun went and spoke with the saidis coalmaisteris in relation to the said bargane, and having maid thair report thairanent, they doe declair that they fand the coalmaisteris altogether dissatisfied with the pryces offered for thair coallis in the saidis paperis and haill articles thairin contained and wer nowayes resolved to proceid any farder in the said bargane in respect that greater benefeit is offered thame by wther personis, and did promeis to wreat ane ansuer to the said conservatour to the severall letteris sent by him to thame to that effect ; but becaus they wer of intentione to send wp one of thair awin number to attend the parliament at Londone in relatione to the salt bussienes and prejudices lyk to be susteaned through the heave impositionis imposed thairone, to whome they wold recomend to give ane moir full ansuer by word nor they doe intend by wreat to the said conservatour ; which report of the said Androw Glen and David Seatoun the present comissioneris doe approve and ordaines also thair generall clark in thair names to wreat to the said conservatour giving him heartie thanks for the paines and cair takin be him in the said bussienes frome tyme to tyme and to informe him of the cair and dilligence done be the saidis burrowis for advancement of the said bargane but could not prevail with the gentlmen coalmaisteris, without whos consent and concurrence they could not effectuat his desyres, and that the saidis comissioneris wer informed that some strangeris and wnfreetmen wer about the buying wp and monopolizing of the whole coallis of this natione from the saidis coalmaisteris by the negotiatione and undir

collour of some Scottis merchandis who, contrair to the lawis of the nation, thair oathis at thair admission to the freedom in burgh, and many strick actis off burrowis, doe traffique with wnfree treaderis and does collour unfreemens goodes undir collour of thair owine ; for remeid quhair of the present comissioneris ordaines ilk burgh within this natione to vs exact dilligence in trying out of such transgressoris and to bring them to condigne punischment according to the lawis of the natione and actis of burrowis dischairging the samyn and the agent to give his concurrence heiranent if he sallbe requyrit.

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4, 5. Continued the matters referred to in the 40th and 28th acts of last general convention to be heads of the next missive.

Guthrie, agent.
Linlithgow,
custom.

6. Anent the supplicatione presentit to the saids comissioneris of burrowis be Mr Andrew Hederweik anent the difference in the electione of the towne clark of Couper, which being presentit to the counsall of estait of this natione and wes by thame remittit to the convention of burrowis as onlie competent judgis in such caices they desyr that the decision thair of may be maid be the generall conventione of burrowis, the present comissioneris taking the said supplication, with his Hienes counsall thair ordour and reference to thame, have thairfoir ordained the said maitter to be recomendit to the decisione of the nixt generall conventione.

Election, toun
clark of
Couper.

7. Anent the supplicatione presentit to the saidis comissioneris of burrowis be Dauid Fergusone, merchand in Kirkcaldie, for himself and in name of the traffiquing merhcandis of the said burgh, making mention that notwithstanding of the ordour set doun be thes comissioneris of burrowis who wer appointed be the last generall conventione of burrowis to meit at the said burgh for taking away all difference betuix the merchandis and treadsmen and wtheris of the said burgh anent the election of thair magistrat and constitution of thair counsall and erection of ane gildrie within thair burgh conforme to thair chartour of erectione, which wes accordinglie performed be the saidis comissioneris to all thair contentmentis ; notwithstanding some seamen, maltmen, and craftis of the said burgh proceedit to the electione of thair counsall and magistracie contrair to the said decisione, and that for remeid thair of and stoping of thair inordinat proceedingis they had mad applicatione to the counsell of

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Kirkcaldie,
contra magis-
tratis.

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estait who acknowledging the burrowis to be most competent judgis have remittit the samyn to thair deceision, as thair reference heirwith produced beares, the saidis comissioneris of burrowis haveing considerit the said supplication with the reference frome the counsall of estait, they have thairfoir ordained the decisione of the said contraversie to be maid by the nixt generall convention, and ordaines thair counsell buik with wther paperis and protestationis neidfull be produced at the said nixt generall convention that the saidis comissioneris of burrowis may tak inspection thairfoir and to determyn accordinglie.

Complaint,
Air and Dum-
bartane contra
Glasgow, par-
liamant.

8. Anent ane supplication presentit to the saidis comissioneris be way of missive letter from the burgh of Dumbartane against the burgh of Glasgow, as also be the burgh of Air anent the election of thair comissioner to attend the parliament of England that contrair to the ordour of such electiones they had called the voces of thair whole counsall when they ought to have had but one voice as wther burghis had who payed thair proportionis for the saidis comissioner his maintenance, and desyring the said matter might be takin to thair consideration, the present comissioneris haveing considerit the samyn have recomendit the deceision thairfoir to the nixt generall conventione of burrowis.

Montros contra
schyr of the
Mearns.

9. Anent the complaint givin in be the burgh of Montros to this present conventione against the schyr of the Mearns for imposing ces wpon thair fischingis to be joyned with the ces of that schyr contrair to all reason and equitie, and desyring the agents assistance anent the decyding of that contraversie befoir the judg ordinar quhen he salbe requyrit, the present comissioneris considering thair desyr to be most reasonabl and finding it thair dewitie to be assistent to any burgh within thair incorporation to be assistant in the defence of thair just right, and thairfoir ordaines thair agent to assist and concurr with the said burgh in the prosecutione of the said difference wpon the charges of the said burgh and to report.

Report, com-
mittie, patent
of phisicianis.

10. [The committee appointed by the 22d act of last general convention presented the following report:] To the richt honorabill the comissioneris of burrowis presentlie conveyin in the particular conventione, the report of the comitte appointit to consider and transact anent the patent of the colledg of phisitianes, conforme to the 22 act of the last

generall conventione of burrowis at Edinburgh in July last j^m vj^e fyftie aucht yeir. Wee have receaved ane draught of ane patent frome Doctoris Robert Cuningham and Daid Hay haveing comissione frome severall wtheris of thair professione in name and behalff of thame and thair successouris within the boundis contained within the patent, and haveing red and considered the samen, our oppinioun is that the liberties and privilegis of the burrowis, vniversities, chyrurgaines and apothecaries ar not thairby pre-judgit, and thairfoir haue consentit according to the power grantit be ws by the said act of the last generall convention of burrowis that the said new patent in the tearmes and wordis as it is now conceaved and deposited in the handis of William Thomsone, thair general clark, may be presentit to the richt honorabill his Heighnes counsall of Scotland to be by them approvin and recomendit to his Hienes and his counsall of England and if neid beis to the honorabill parliament thair conveyed, to be by them ratefied and confirmed according to the desyr of our petition joyntlie subscriyued be the saidis doctoris of physick professouris of the vniversitie of Edinburgh and wtheris concerned with vs subscriyveris heirof, who think it just and reasonable that the said new patent pas as said is, provyding alwaies the first old patent be renunced, cancelled, and annulled, in which caice it will be fitt and expedient that the honorabill commissioneris of burrowis give warrant and comissione to thair commissioneris that ar to attend the parliament in England, and to the said William Thomsone to endeavour heir and at Londoun that by the supream authoritie the said new patent may be confirmed and ratefied and only to stand in force and vigour, and all former patentis to be maid null and of no effect. Whilk report being read and weill considerit be the saidis commissioneris of burrowis they do approw of the samyne and ordaines the samyn to be recomendit to the commissioneris for the burrowis that ar to attend the parliament to obtane the said new patent ratefied and confirmed in parliament and the old patent cancelled.

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20 January
1659.

Report, com-
mittie, patent
of phisicianis.

11. Appointed a particular convention to be held at Edinburgh, beginning on Tuesday, 8th March next.

Particular con-
ventiones.

12. The present commissioneris of burrowis ordaines John Marjoribankis and Thomas Kincaid for Edinburgh, the commissioneris of Abir-

Copper coyne.

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Copper coyne.

dein, Linlithgow, Air and Bruntilland to repair to Dalkeith to the Lord Generall Monk to crave his lordship's concurrence and recomendation to the parliament in England for obtaining ane licence for coyning of ane certane quantitie of copper-money for the caussis mentionat in tua severall petitionis presentit to the saidis comissioneris be Sir John Falconer, mintmaster, the one be the burgh of Edinburgh and another be the gentrie of the natione; lyk as the saidis comissioneris having gone to Dalkeyth and representit to the generall the desyr of the burrowis which wes that the lord generall wold recomend to the counsall of estait or to the present parliament that ane certane quantitie of copper coyne may be coyned quho wes willing to go alongis with the saidis burghis in thair just desyris they desyring the samyn of him be way of supplicatione or misive letter, which the saidis burrowis having takin into consideratione the good and disadvantag of the said matter, they have thocht fit to continew any farder acting in the said mater till the nixt ensueing particular conventione, and in the meantime did recomend to Sir John Falconer to deall with the gentlemen of the schyres to be assistent to the burrowis in the prosecution of the said matter quhairin they assured him they wold not be wanting.

Agent at London.

13. Ordained the commissioner of Edinburgh, with the agent, to give in to next particular convention a satisfactory account as to whether or not George Downing had agreed to agent the burgh's affairs in London, and as to the application of the money sent to him conform to the 4th act of the particular convention held in December 1657.

EDINBURGH.
8 March 1659.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Commissioners.

Edinburgh, Sir James Stewart, David Wilkie, John Milne; Pearth, Patrick Threipland; Dundie, Alexander Haliburton; Stirling, Duncan Nairne; Lynlithgow, Andrew Glen; Glasgow, James Pollocke; Kirkcaldie, Johne Whyt; Bruntilland, David Seatoun; Dumfermling, Peter Walker; Dumbar, James Kellie; Queinsferrie, Archibald Wilsone; Abirdein, St Androis, Air, Dysart, Monros, Irving, Jedburgh, Dumbartane and Arbroath (*blank*).

8 March 1659.

EDINBURGH.
8 March 1659.

1. Sir James Stewart, provost and first in commission for Edinburgh, elected Moderator.

2. Hours of meeting appointed to be from eight till twelve and from three till six. Same regulations as to attendance, speaking, and voting as at last general convention.

3. Referring to the 13th act of last particular convention, the agent reported that the sum of £2000 had not been paid to George Downing "in respect of his absence furth of the Islle of Breatane ; and because it is not knowin whither the commission wes delyverit to the said Mr George Downing or not the commissioneris ordanis the commissioneris of Edinburgh with the clerk to wreat to Sir Androw Ramsay to know how he hes disposit wpon the said comission and crave his advyce anent the samyne."

4. Referring to the 10th act of last particular convention, the commissioners "thought fit that the said patent be insert in thair generall register to remane for ever and thairfoir ordanis the samyn to be done." Here follows the patent by "RICHART, Lord Protector of the Comonwealth of England, Scotland and Irland, and the dominions thairto belonging," in favor of the college of physicians of Edinburgh.

10 March 1659.

5. The commissioners having received another supplication of the merchants of Kirkcaldie, complaining that notwithstanding the proceedings taken regarding the constitution of the council and guildry, the present magistrates, without advice of the seamen and merchants, admit "such personis to the freedome of thair gildrie vpon verie easie conditionis who ar moir prejudiciall to the weall of the burgh nor advantagious, with severall wtheris informalities committed be thame," appointed the supplication to be considered along with the previous one at next general convention, and ordained the clerk to intreat the magistrates to keep peace and unitie in the burgh in the meantime.

6. Supplications were presented by (1) the burgh of Culros complaining that contrary to the order for settlement of the guildry and constitution of the council, the magistrates admit unfree persons, strangers, scholars, and boys as burgesses and guild brethren, and commit other informalities ; and (2) the burgh of Lanrick complaining that contrary to ancient custom "the present magistratis consisting of four or fyve leading personis does inhaunce the whole government of the burgh in thair owin personis, secludung altogether the treadsmen frome haueing any power in the government, contrair to the constitutione of burrowis." The commissioners appointed the burghs of Edinburgh, Lithgow, Glasgow, Kirkcaldie, Bruntilland, and Dumfermling to meet in April next "and to labour by

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10 March 1629.

all the meanis the composing of all differences betuix magistratis, merchandis, and treadsmen within the respectiue burghis," and ordained the clerk to warn the complainers to be present.

Supplicatione,
Glasgow contra
treadsmen.

7. Anent the supplication presentit to this present convention of burrowis be James Pollock, commissioner for the burgh of Glasgow, wpon ane reference frome the counsall of estaitts to the nixt generall convention of burrowis anent the decisione of the difference betuixt Walter Neilson, lait baillie of Glasgow, and Manasses Lyll, on the ane pairt, and certane treadsmen of fyve corporationis of the said burgh, on the wther pairt, anent severall injuries alledgit done be the saidis treadsmen to the said Walter Neilson and Manaseth Lyll ordanis thair clark to cite both the saidis pairties to appear befor the nixt generall convention that the difference betuixt thame may be takin by thame in consideratione and determined thairin as they sall think fitt.

11 March 1659.

Instructionis,
comissioneris
at Londoun.

8. The present comissioneris now conveyned, taking to consideratione the pressing burdingis this natione with the estait of burrowis lyeth wndir and the great decay of tread which wes the meane of thair subsistence, haue thought fit to recomend to thair comissioneris representing the burrowis at Londoun the instructionis following to be tendered to the said parliament and the granting thair of humblie pressed (to witt).

(1.) That the lessening of the ces of Scotland may be pressed in respect of the great disproportione betuix thame and England by the act of assessment in anno 1657, as may evidentlie appeare by the adjacent counties and burghis of England being compaired with the schyris and burghis of Scotland.

(2.) That the Scottis goodis that hes bein in vs to be transported furth of the natione, such as skyn, hyd, and wooll, and wther staple goodis of the land, may be transported as formerlie for some certan tyme wntill manufactories be set up within the natione.

(3.) The coyning of ane certan quantitie of copper coyne in the natione, not exceiding the value of fyve thousand pund sterling, may be desyred, and that Sir John Falconer be the coyner thair of, and each turner to be the weight of ane drop and ane halff.

(4.) The heavie prejudice susteained be the burrowis by the dry and locall quarteringis of souldiouris, quhair of the schyris ar free, which is heavier to the burghis then thair ces, may be representit to his Hienes and parliament and some redres had thairanent.

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11 March 1657.
Instructionis,
comissioneris
at London.

(5.) That the sending home of the register is with wther wreatis and proces which conduces much for the weall of the natione and ar in danger now in lossing may be pressed, and ane letter to be wreatin to the clark register for that effect.

(6.) That the passing of the patent of the college of physicianis and confirmatione thair of may be endevoired be thair comissioneris.

(7.) That quhairas the commissioneris of his Heighnes exchequer in Scotland haue of lait comissionat James Cuninghame, gentleman, to persew all personis in the south of Scotland, buyaris of wictuall, who have exacted ane pect to the boll of cornes more nor the strict measour, which may prove ane heavier exactione to the people aspeciallie the transgression being don thir many yeiris bypast, that thairfoir his Hienes according to the laudable custome of his predicessouris may be moved to remitt the said penall statut and to recall the said patent with such wther penall statutis as his Hienes sall think fit. And thairfoir ordaines the burgh of Edinburgh and thair clark to send wp thes instructionis to thair saidis comissioneris with such valid reasonis for obteaning the granting thair of as they sall think expedient.

12 March 1659.

9. The present comissioneris taking to consideration the damage the burrowis ar in by the persuit of the thertie thousand pund sterling persewed by some noblemen and wthers who have payed the publict debt to be levied off the natione, which the generall conventione did find themselves oblidged to oppose by thair act of dait the [13] day of July last, and now being informed that at the nixt sessione it is probable the bussienes may be discussed befor the judgis to thair great prejudice except cours be takin to procur from his Hienes and parliament some warrant for interrupting the said proces, and wndirstanding that the gentlemen of the severall schyris haue maid choyse of Collonell David Barclay to repair to London for that effect; and the commissioneris

Barclay, anent
the 30,000 lib.

EDINBURGH.
12 March 1659. being weall satisfied with the fidelitie and abilitie of the said gentleman [concurred in his election and impowered him to act for the burghis, allowing him £50 sterling as their proportion of his charges].

Agent, £1600. 10. Ordained the burghs to send to next general convention their shares of £1000 Scots disbursed by the agent and of £50 sterling advanced to Colonel Barclay, conform to the preceding act.

Coall, salt,
buike of raitis. 11. The commissioners having had under consideration the matter of transporting coal and salt, and the "great suffering by the alteratione of the buik of raitis for customes off goodis exported and imported, quhair of the saidis burrowis ar not clear quhat way to proceed thairin at present," agreed that the same be considered at next general convention.

EDINBURGH.
6 April 1659.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE, *appointed by 6th act of last*
Particular Convention, held at EDINBURGH.

Commissioners. Edinburgh, Sir James Stewart of Kirkfield, knight, provost, David Wilkie, dein of gild, John Milne, maister meason, and Thomas Kincaid, chyrurgian ; David Seatoun for Bruntilland ; Dumfermling, Peter Walker.

6 April 1659.

Culros,
guildry.

[The committee appointed by the 6th act of last particular convention as to the constitution of the magistrates, council, and guildry in the burgh of Culros] convened and haue called befor thame the magistratis of Culros, at least thes representing thame, as also those representing the merchandis of the said burgh, and did willinglie both of thame subscribe ane submission to stand to the decreit arbitrall pronuncit be thame anent the regulating of thair gildrie in the said burgh, who acceptit of the said submissione and gaue out thair decreit arbitrall vpon the back thair of, which submissione the said comittie, with the said decreit arbitrall, together with that act maid be the comitie at Culros the first of September 1658 yeiris anent the constitution of thair magistratis and counsell, they ordaine to be insert in the generall register of burrowis, and ane extract of the submissione and decreit arbitrall vpon the back thair of to be

givin out to both parties be thair generall clark of the quhilk the tenor follows :—

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6 April 1659.
Culros,
guildry.

The act above mentioned, dated 1 September 1658, bears that the commissioners appointed by the [14] act of last generall convention after mature deliberation had thought fit that the town council should consist of nineteen persons, twelve merchants and seven craftsmen. Of the craftsmen five to be deacons of crafts and all to be chosen by the council yearly ; one bailie to be chosen out of the seven craftsmen, and the other magistrates out of the twelve merchants. The commissioners recommend the magistrates at next election to choose a dean of gild and his council, the dean to be one of the twelve merchants, and his council to consist of four gild brethren.

In the submission, "both pairties submitt all differences betuixt thame anent the constitutione of thair counsall and regulation of thair gildrie to the determinatione and decisione of the right honorabill Sir James Stewart" and other commissioners above named.

By the decreet arbitral it is ordained—

First. That at the nixt election of thair magistratis and counsall, and in all tyme coming non be chosen nor electit dein of gild within the said burgh of Culros but such as ar or hes bein actuall traffiqueing merchandis. *Secondlie.* That the dein of gild his counsall consisting of four persones, with the dein of gild himselff, making wp fyve in all, tua of the said number besyd the dein of gild himself be actuall traffiqueing merchandis and one ane traffiqueing or land treader or seaman and one ane craftisman. *Thirdlie.* That for the spaice of three yeiris following the saidis tua traffiqueing merchandis salbe of the number of thes who have beine most instrumentall in obteaning of the gildrie to be erectit within the said burgh, they ar to say William Burn, Williame Adame, William Drysdail, James and William Craikis, Alexander M'Kie, John Williamsone, Robert Burne and John Robertstone. *Fourthlie.* That, for the accomodation of the present difference and better regulating of thair gild court, William Burn and William Adam, merchandis, be admittit and established tua of the gild counsall in plaice of John Bruce and Henry Smeatoun for this present year betuixt and the tuentie fyft day of Aprill instant.

It is also ordained (6) that the present dean of gild pay out of the guildry entry dues £10 "to persones persewaris of the erection of the gildrie;" (7) that those already admitted to the guildry or who shall be admitted before first

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Culros,
guildry.

October, who were formerly burgesses or having right thereto by deceased parents, shall pay for such admission £3 Scots, and those burgesses not claiming the benefits of the guildry before 1st October to pay as strangers, except they be abroad on necessary business or be in minority; and (8) that all strangers and other unfree persons to pay for their admission fifty merks Scots.

EDINBURGH.
13 July 1659.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Sir James Stewart, David Wilkie, John Milne; Dundie, Alexander Haliburtoun; Abirdein, Mr Alexander Skeyne; Stirling, James Stevinson; Linlithgow, James Glen; St Androis, Andrew Carstairs; Glasgow, John Wakinschaw; Haddingtoun, William Seatoun; Dysart, David Symson; Kirkcaldie, Robert Whyt; Monrose, John Auchterlownie; Anstruther Easter, James Scott; Bruntilland, David Seatoun; Kinghorne, John Boswall; Dumfermling, Peter Walker; Culros, John Burnsyd; Queinsferrie, Archibald Wilsone; Pearth, Air, Coupar, Irving, Anstruther Wester, Dumbartane, Dumbar, Arbroath and Carail (*blank*)

13 July 1659.

Moderator.

1. Sir James Stewart, provost and first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

14 July 1659.

Practicks of
the maritime
lawis.

2. The present comissioneris of burrowis taking to thair consideratione the manifold difficulties that daylie fall out in thir dangerous tymes in the sea effairis and privilegis of this natione in relation thairto, and of the great obscuritie that they ly undir in thes effairis, and considdering that Mr James Robertoun, late admirall deput, is not onlie ane man of singular learning but especiallie most knowing in the maritime effairis, and that he hes many paperis and collectionis of his owin which if they were digestit in ane volume might be off great vs to this natione in generall and to the estait of burrowis in particular, thairfoir the present comissioneris thinks necessar and convenient that Mr James Robertoun have a publick invitatione from the burrowis for wndertaking and prosecuting of

the said work, and thairfoir appointis the provests of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Linlithgow and Stirling, with such wtheris to accompanie thame as they or thair burghs sall think fitt, to repair to the said James Robertson and to give him ane publict invitatioun in name of the saidis burrowis for wndertaking of the said worke as said is with all expeditioun he convenientlie can . . . and ordaines the clark to wreat a lettere of incuradgement to him and that the burrowis will no doubt gratifie him according to the merit of the work.

HADDINGTON.
14 July 1659.
Practicks of
the maritime
lawis.

3. The present comissioneris of burrowis being conveyed and haveing heard the report of Sir James Stewart, present provest and comissioner for the burgh of Edinburgh, anent the great misdemanour of ane David Coustoun pretending to haue a comissione from the King of Swaden to apprehend and seaze wpon all sorts of Dutch wessellis and schippis and mak prize of thame to the vs of the crowne of Suaden, who upon Fryday was a sevint night, being the first of Julij instant, with ane certane number of seamen to the number of tuentie or thairby, tak ane Scottis boat furth of the herberie of Leyth and went aboard of tuo Dutch wessellis lying near Inchkeyth, being within our watteris, and, under pretext of publict searcheris to the estait, seized vpon the tuo schippis and caried them away as pryzes, wpon notice quhairof the magistratis of Edinburgh did persew efter the said David Coustoun and sent severall of thair number to Dalketh and procured frome the lord generall ane warrant to the magistratis of the burgh of Monros to seaze wpon the tuo Dutch schippis lying as they wer informed in or near thair harbour, appointed ane comittie of thair nychtbouris for defence or prosecution of the said bussienes befor the comissioneris at Leyth, to quhom the lord generall had remittit the petitione of the Dutch schipmasteris and the whole alledgances of both the pairties to be examined and to report, and had further givin ane call to the present convention for thair advyce and assistance in what salbe further done in the said bussienes; the present comissioneris doe approve the report and acknowledge thair obligation and thankfulnes to the provest and magistratis of Edinburgh for thair dilligence and cair in the bussienes, being of so publict concernment, and appointis the present comissioneris of Abirdein, Dundie, Haddingtoun, Bruntilland, Kirkcaldie aud Anstruther Ester, with such as the burgh of Edinburgh sall appoint, to repair to Leyth tomorrow being the

Dutch schipis
maid pryze
within thir
watteris be
Coustoun.

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Dutch schipis
maid pryze
within thir
wateris be
Coustoun.

day appoyntit for tryell of the bussienes befor the comissioneris thair, and to represent to the saidis comissioneris the caire of the bussienes, prejudices and dangeris may follow thairwpon, and to do everie thing els that they in thair discretioun sall think fit, and to tak allong with them some able advocatis for thair assistance, and ordanis the agent to concure with them and to deburs what chairgis hes bein or salbe spent in the prosecutione of the said bussienes, to be repayit be the burrowis, quhairanent thir presentis salbe his warrant; with power to the saidis comissioneris that go to Leyth to elect so many of thair number as they sall think fit to repair to Dalkeyth to report to the generall quhat hes past in the said bussienes; and withall to report to him the low conditione of the burrowis and impositione for advanceing of ane yearis ces togither and to report; and as occasion serues to supplicat ather the generall or parliament.

Commission
Col. Barclay.

4. Colonel David Barclay, who was by the 9th act of the particular conventione in March last, commissioned for the defence before parliament of the payment of £30,000, having desired his commission renewed "in respect of the alteration of the government," the commissioners delayed doing so till informed of the resolution of the shires.

Dilligence,
deins of gild
against wnfree
treadderis.

5. The present commissioneris of burrowis haveing takin to consideration the report of the comittie in relation to ane paper presentit be some merchandis of Edinburgh against wnfree treadderis and wther expedientis concerning tread, think fit in respect thair hathe bein great neglect in the deins of gild and thair counsallis in the respective burghs in prosecuting and punisching wnfree treaderis within thair respectiue boundis in tymes bypast, that thairfoir the deanes of gild of Edinburgh, Lithgow, Stirling, Glasgow, Hadingtoun, Dumfermling, and Culros, with wtheris burghis in Fyf, doe from henceforth keip a correspondence and concurr in prosecution of the said bussienes, and for that effect the denis of gild foirsaid doe meit at the burgh of Linlithgow on the first Tysday of August next and thair tak ane mor strick cognitione of thes disorderis, and haveing maid ane mutuall report thairefter to consider of and conclud wpon such courses as may be most effectuall for remeid thair of, and to report frome tyme to tyme thair subsequent meitingis, and Edinburgh to be conveyinar, and to report thair dilligence heiranent to the nixt particular or generall conventione of burrowis.

6. Anent the supplicatione presentit to the burrowis by Robert Spence, nephew to the deceist Mr Robert Johnstoun esquire, citizen at London, representing his meine and low condition and his inabilitye for intertainment of his children and familie occasioned by the breaking of Robert Inglis, late factor at London, in whois handis the sowme of 500 pund sterline wes left be his uncle towardis his provision and mantinance, by the annualrent thair of or any wther maner of way could be best devysed, the present comissioneris of burrowis taking to consideration the present supplication, and considering that the said Mr Robert Johnstoun, his uncle, hes bein beneficiare to the burghis of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Kirkcudbright, Dundie, Abirdeine, Dumfreis, by leiving of considerable legacies to thair comoun pious workis, have ordained the clark in thair names to wreat ane particular letter to the aboue writtin burrows recomending to thame the necessitie of the supplicant and earnestlie desyring the saidis burrowis wold tak it to consideration and wold allow him the sowme of 40 lib. sterling per annum towardis his maintenance which is the just yeirlye annual-rent of 500 lib. sterling which wes the stock left be his uncle to him, ilk burgh according to the proportion of the legacie left to them for thair pious workis.

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Supplicatione
David Spence
to the burrowis.

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7. The present comissioneris of burrowis taking to consideratione ane supplicatione presentit be George Smyth, merchand, burges of Monros, bearing that ane wnhappie difference is aysin betuixt certane memberis of thair counsall and wther considerable nightbouris of that burgh in the mater of the priviledge of the deykins in the leiting and electing of thair magistratis, the present comissioneris think fit that seeing in obedience to ane lait act of the last generall conventione the magistratis had maid ane agreement with the treadis in erecting ane deaconrie in the said burgh, and giving of them priviledge in the election of thair magistratis, nevertheles quhairof some of the nychtbouris ar not satisfied with the saidis proceedingis in respect that all the deconis have voyce alsweall in leiting as electing of magistratis, the comissioneris ordaines thair clerk to wreat ane letter to thair magistratis and counsall whairin he is to schew thame that it is thair opinion, advyce, and recomendatione that they con-

Electione,
magistratis of
Monros.

EDINBURGH.
15 July 1659.

Electione,
magistratis of
Munros.

tinew in the good agreement which allreddie they have begun in the mater of the electione of thair deaconis, but that they forbear to admitt any moir of the deaconis in the leyting except so many of thame as ar ordinarlie sitting in counsall, which they ar informed are three in number, and that non moir have voice in leyting till the nixt generall conventione declair thair thoughtis and give thair sentence who sall voice in making of the leitis.

Prices against
Constoun.
Dutch ship-
pis.

8. The trial of the process against Coustoun mentioned in the third act of this convention having been delayed till Monday next, the commissioners ordained the burgh of Edinburgh, with such other neighbouring burghs as they shall find necessary, to prosecute the process for the public interest of the whole burghs.

EDINBURGH.
31 January
1660.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Commissioners.

Edinburgh, Sir James Stewart, Robert Murray, James Borthwick ;
Pearth, Mr John Paterson ; Dundie, Alexander Haliburtoun ; Abirdein
Alexander Alexander ; Stirling, James Stewinsone ; Linlithgow, Androw
Glen ; St Androis, Androw Carstairs ; Glasgow, James Campbell ; Air,
William Cunynghame ; Haddingtoun, William Seatoun ; Dysart, William
Symson ; Kirkcaldie, Robert Whyt ; Coupar, David Andersone ; Monros,
Robert Rait ; Dumfreis, Robert Bartane ; Bruntilland, David Seatoun ;
Innerkything, Robert Stewart ; Kinghorne, John Bruce ; Jedburgh, John
Rutherford ; Wigtoun, Thomas Stewart ; Dumfermling, Peter Walker ;
Dumbartan, John Cuninghame ; Aberbrothock, John Auchterlonie ; Carail,
George Philp ; Culros, William Peirsone ; Northberrick, Robert Sandi-
landis ; Lauder, Robert Henderson ; Queinsferie, Archibald Wilsone ;
Anstruther Eister, Innernes, Brechane, Irving, Kirkcudbricht, Pitinweem,
Anstruther Wester, Selkirk, Dumbar, Lanrick, Peibles, and Forfar (*blank*).

31 January 1660.

Moderator.

1. Sir James Stewart, provost and first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

2. The committee appointed to revise the commissions reported that with a few exceptions the same were formal. The commissioners approved of the report and dispensed with the defects mentioned therein.

EDINBURGH.
31 January
1660.

Formalitie of
comissions.

2 February 1660.

3. Anent the supplicatioun presentit to the present comissioneris of burrowis be the comissioner from the burgh of Lauder, complaining that the comissariat does remove his court frome the said burgh of Lauder quhair it wes formerlie accustumat appointit to sit by ordinance and decrete from the lordis of privie counsall, it being the head royall burgh of the shyre, to the great prejudice of the said burgh, it being the mean of its subsistence, and desyring the said burrowis concurrence and assistance in purchasing all legall meanes for obteaning the said court to keip its constant residence at thair said burgh according to the accustumat maner; the present comissioneris of burrowis having taking the samyn to thair consideratione and finding no opportunitie now to effectuat thair desyr in respect of no counsall of estait nor wther judge in powar to quhom they may mak thair addres, they recomend thairfoir to thair agent, with the burgh of Edinburgh and any wther burghis that sall happin to be present, to give thair countenance and concurrence to the said burgh of Lauder quhen they salbe requirit for recovering of the said court to sit at thair burgh conforme to thair richtis and ancient custom.

Comissar
court, Lauder.

4. The commissioners having considered a supplication of William Brown, Agent. their agent, for recompense for his trouble in the burgh's affairs, "doe acknowledge his cairfullnes, dilligence, and paines in thair service, but not being at present in capacitie to reward or recompense him for the samyn nor to grant the desyr of his petitione, thairfoir they have recomendit the consideratione thairrof to the nixt generall conventione."

5. The commissioners recommended to next general convention consideration of a supplication of the burgh of Arbroath for assistance "in defence of ane actione to be intentit against thame be David Sutor, possessour of thair comon milne, for building of ane windmilne of thair owin and abstracting thair multuris from the said David his milne."

Arbroath,
comon milne.

6. The burgh of Irving sent a missive stating that they could not conveniently send a commissioner at this time, but were willing to bear their share of the charges of a commissioner to the parliament at London, and to concur in any thing done at the convention.

Excuis, burgh
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dence, schyris
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7. In presence of the saidis comissioneris of burrowis, compeared the Lord Fleyming with Collonell Harie Barclay from the meiting of the noblmen and gentlmen of the schyres, schewing the desyr of thair bodie to keip a richt correspondence with the comissioneris of burrowis, who efter removeing resauit ansuer frome the moderator that the comissioneris of burrowis did returne thair lordshipis humbl and heartie thankis for thair courteous and favourabl proposall, and that they wold accordinglie send some of thair number to thair meiting forthwith to keip correspondence with them and to report to the bodie; and for that effect did appoint the burghis of Edinburgh, Pearth, Dundie, Linlithgow, Glasgow and Air, with thair clark, to compeir with the saidis noblmen and gentlmen now conveined, and in thair names to render them humbl thankis for thair favorabl respectis towardis tham, and to schew them that nothing was moir in thair desyres then to keep ane correspondence and harmonic with thame in reference to anything quibich micht concerne the publict guid, and that they wer about to have, according to thair dewitie, sent ane addres wnto thame befoir but that they did not think they had bein as yit fully conveined, and wer sorie they had bein in that dewitie preveened, and that it is the opinion and desyr of the burrowis that ane certane number from both meetingis be appointit for keiping the said correspondence and a tyme quhen to meet; who accordinglie haveing returned, made report that the noblmen and gentlmen wer weill satisfiet with thair message, and that they desyred fyve of each number to conveen at tua houris in the efternoon, whairwpon the comissioneris of burrowis did appoint Robert Murray for Edinburgh, the comissioneris for Pearth, Dundie, Linlithgow and Air, with the clark, to attend the said inecting and to condescend wpon such overturis or articles as ather partie had to be representit to and considerit of by both the saidis respectiue bodies and to report.

The said comittie appointit to meit with the noblmen and gentlmen returning, Robert Murray did mak report that they had mett with the comittie of noblmen and gentlmen, who wer the Earles of Haddingtoun and Hertfell, Sir Alexander Gibson of Durrie, knight, and Sir Archibald Stirling of Carden, knight, and that the said joynt comittie having met wer straitned with tyme and had put in a scroll of the articles following to be considered of by both the respectiue bodies, viz. :—

(1.) That addres be maid to the lord generall with instructionis and that the commissioneris be impowred to tak quhat farther cours salbe fund expedient by his lordships advyce for redressing the grevances of this natioun.

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(2.) That ane letter of thankis may be speidilie wreatin to the lord generall and that his lordship wold be pleased to interceid that all procedouris in relatioun to Scotland be forborne or stopped till the cuming up of the comissioners.

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(3.) That my lord generall may be intreated that, according to his lordships letteris to the schyres and burrowis, the assessmentis, excys, and customes be maid proportionall to England, and that the quarterings be also regulat as in England.

(4.) That ane way may be thocht vpon for vniting the natiouns.

(5.) That tread, and especiallie the tread of fisching, be encourridged and schippis appointit for guarding the coastis, suppressing of Sudisch privat men of wear and convoying of schippis.

(6.) That the extraordinar imposition wpon coall and salt may be moderated.

(7.) That the bussienes of the mint be takin into consideratione.

(8.) That the natioun be governed according to the Scotis laues.

(9.) That publict judicatories be speadilie set wp and judges be appointit of integritie and knowledge in the lawis of Scotland and that the saidis judgis be impowred to regulat all exorbitant pryces and wther abusis in superiour and inferiour courtis.

The saidis comissioneris haveing considderit the abonewrittin articles, maid thairon thair severall amendimentis, especiallie considdering that the latitud contained in the delay of procedouris in reference to this motioun might includ a delay to the siting doun of judicatories, and condescendit they sould be wreatin over againe so amendit and to be presentit at the nixt meiting of the said joint comittie; and appoynted Edinburgh, Pearth, Dundie, Lithgow and Air, to repair to the noblmen and gentlmen to appoynt ane new meeting of the joint comittie; who returning reported that the noblmen and gentlmen had appointed the nixt day, being the 3 of Februar, at seivin houris in the morning.

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8. The fairsaid comittie of burrowis, by Robert Murray, reported

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that they had mett with the comittie of noblmen and gentlmen, to quhos number they had found the Earles of Roxburgh and Callender addit, and that they had presentit vnto thame the articles wreatin *in mundo*, quhair of the tenor followis :—

The comissioneris of burrowis having considerit the articles drawin wp be the noblmen and gentlmen of that comittie with the burrowis, and haveing maid some amendimentis thair of, ordaines thair clark to wreat them so amendit *in mundo* and to have thame in readienes to be presentit to the said comittie in thair nixt meiting as followis :—

(1.) That ane addres be maid to the lord generall with instructionis, and that the comissioneris be impouered to tak such farder cours as salbe found expedient by his lordships advyce for redressing the grivances of this nation.

(2.) That according to the lord generall his severall letteris to the schyris and burrowis his lordship wold tak cair that the assessmentis or any wther burthingis of excys be made proportionall with England, and that the quarteringis be regulat as they ar in England.

(3.) That ane letter of thankis be speidilie wreatin to the lord generall intreating that if any publict assessmentis or any wther burthings be imposed wpon the nationis his lordship wold be pleased to advert that the proportioun of Scotland be regulat according to the trew valuatioun with England quhich hitherto hes bein exceedinglie disproportionable.

(4.) That the nation of Scotland be governed be thair owin lawis.

(5.) That publict judicatories be speedilie set wp, and that judgis of integritie and expert in the lawis of this nation be appointit, with powar to regulat all exorbitant pryces and wther abussis in superiour and inferiour courtis.

(6.) That comerce and tread be incurradgit and the grivances to be givin in by the merchandis in Edinburgh and wther burghis, with the expedienyis by thame proposed, may be takin in consideratioun and redressed.

(7.) That schippis be appoyntit for guarding the coastis, suppressing of Sueddisch men of war, and for convoying of schippis.

(8.) That the extraordinar impositione wpon coall and salt be moderat.

(9.) That the bussienes of the mint be takin in consideratioun, at least that ane jurnall of copper money (which will amount to fyve thousand pund stirling) may be permittit to be coyned be Sir Johne Falconer, maister of the minthous, for necessarie change and relief of the poor.

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And that they had great debait thairvpone, especiallie in the matter of the delay of procedouris in reference to Scotland till the cuming wp of the comissioneris, and that the said comittie of noblmen and gentlmen had delyvered wnto thame ane new paper of articles be thair bodie with some additionall articles, quhairof the tenor followis and is thus :

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(2.) That ane letter be speedilie wreatin to my lord generall of thankis and to desyr that his lordship may be pleased to interceed that all procedouris in reference to this natione be delayed wntill the cuming wp of the comissioneris.

(3.) That according to his lordships letteris to the schyris and burghis the assessmentis and excys of this natione be maid proportionable to England and that the quarteringis be also regulated as in England.

(4.) That a way be thought wpon for vniting the natione.

(5.) That tread, and that in particular of fisching, be encuradged and schipis appointed for guarding the coastis, suppressing the Suedisch privat men of warr, and convoying of schippis.

(6.) That the extraordinar imposition wpon coall and salt may be moderatit.

(7.) That the bussienes of the mint be takin in consideratione.

(8.) That publict judicatories be speedilie set wp and that the judgis be men of integritie and expert in the lawis according to the fundamentallis of this natione, and that they be impowered to regulat exorbitant pryces and wther abussis in superior and inferior judicatories.

(9.) That annuitie of teithes and all actis and giftis past and grantit in favouris of whatsomever persone or persones be repealed and dischargit,

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seing it wes the intention of the late King to have dispenced thairwith in favouris of the people.

(10.) That the prisoners of warr be released and have the benefeit of the enjoyment of thair estaitis free of forfaltur and sequestrationis efter so mony yeiris sad suffringis.

(11.) That the waccand stipendis quhich ar not alreadie disponed of be employed to pious vses according to act of parliament.

The noblmen and gentlmen, comissioneris frome the severall schyres, agrees to all the foir named articles (except the fourth which be reason of the importance thairof is to be further advysed wpon) and hopes that the burrowis hes don the lik and will condescend to quhat is added thairto.

The comissioneris of burrowis haueing considderit the afoirsaidis articles, and not being satisfied thairwith, did a litill befor tuelve of the clock appoint James Borthuick for Edinburgh, the comissioneris of Pearth, Dundie, Monros, Glasgow, and the clark, to repair to the meeting of the noblmen and gentlmen, and to schew thair dissatisfactione in some particularis to this purpos, viz., that to the first article thair micht be added these wordis (to be givin thame in wreat subscrivit be the preases of the meiting of noblmen and gentillmen and be the moderator of the conventione of burrowis and no wtherwaies). As to the 10th article the comissioneris of burrowis in one voice profes thair great and heartie desyr that the thing be done, but quhither it salbe put in the publict instructionis and quhither that way of procedour may be found to the benefeit of the prisoneris they referrit it to the farther consideratioun of the noblmen and gentlmen and declar thair indifference in the maner. That they vnanimouslie agree to the 11th article; but wpon consideration of the 2d article which they conceave to inferr a delay of judicatories, and the 9th article against the gift of annuities, that the samyn may be waved and not prosecuted. And quhairas something wes spokin this morning by some of the number of the comittie of noblmen and gentillmen concerning the act of debitor and creditor, they altogether dissasent thairfrae and that they will oppose the samyn to thair power. The saidis comissioneris wpon return did mak report that they had appeared befor the bodie of the noblmen and gentillmen and had acquainted thame with the thoughts of the burrowis, and that they had a hot debait thairvpon

till near one of the clock, and so had left thingis to be considdered wpon
till efternoone.

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The same day, the comissioneris of burrowis haveing mett and spent a great pairt of the afternoon in attending of some ansuer frome the noblmen and gentlmen, resolued about 6 houris at night to send a new message to them, and to the intent thair micht be no longer delay, this being the last night of their meeting, they sent thair vltimat thoughtis in wreating and appointit Edinburgh, Abirdein, Monros and the comissioner for Stirling to repair wnto thame and to present the samyn which wes as followis : The comissioneris of burrowis haveing considderit the last paper of articles condescendit wpon be the noblmen and gentlmen, thair judgment is, the first article may be in these wordis following, viz. The comissioneris of schyres and burrowis is of opinione that addressis be maid to the lord generall with instructionis, and that the comissioners be impouered to tak what wther cours salbe found expedient be his lordships advyce for redressing the grivances of this natioun to be givin them in wreat subscrivit be the preses of the meiting of noblmen and gentlmen and be the moderator of the convention of burrowis and no wtherwaies. As to the tent article for releiff of prisoneris they doe vnanimouslie profes thair heartie and great desyr that thair releiff may be effectuellie procured, but whither it salbe put in publict instructionis and whither that way of procedour may be found most fitting for the benefeit of the prisoneris they referrit to the farther consideratione of the noblmen and gentlmen, and declair thair indifferene in the maner, being most willing to concurr ; onlie they desyr that pairt of the second article desyring a delay of all procedour in reference to the natioun, and the nynt article against the actis and giftis of annuities, may be waved and not prosecuted. And becaus the bussienes of debitor and creditor hes occasioned great mistakis, it is desyred be the comissioneris of burrowis that if any person or persones sall offer to prosecut the samyne befor the parliament or any wther judicatorie or powar in England, the comissioneris of schyris and burrowis sall vnanimouslie oppos the samyne and that this be one of thair particular instructionis ; in all which the comissioneris of burrowis doe humbly expect the noblmen and gentlmen thair heartie and reall condescendance haveing now no farder expectatione of any conferencie at this meiting. Who returning it wes reported

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be the comissioner of Monros that they had some debait and left the paper to thair consideratione. A litill efter, compeared Sir Alexander Gibson of Duirie and Sir Archibald Stirling of Carden, knights, from the noblmen and gentlmen, and haveing delyvered back the said last paper sent from the burrowis to the provest of Edinburgh, moderator, and spoke to this purpos: That the noblmen and gentlmen wer astonished at the reading of the said paper and thought that the burrowis did cast a rock in thair owin way by starting that which they had never a mynd to have moved, and that they thought it strange that they wold pas from articles allreadie condiscendit vpon be the joynt comittie, and thairfoir wer commandit to delyver back the said paper and to declair they wold adhear to thair former paper of 11 articles; and so returned to thair bodie.

Which report being considerit be the saidis burrowis, efter long debait, many being of the opinione that thair needit no moir conferencie that being a cleir wpgiveing, at length it was concludit that Walter Cheyslie for Edinburgh, Abirdein, Stirling, and Monros, sould yet again repair to the noblmen and gentlmen and to schew thame that the burrowis wer much astonished to have resaued such a returne to thair last message, and that they wer verie sorie that any mistak or difference sould be at all amongst thame but that they could not be ansuerable to thair burghis if they sould condiscend to be instrumentall in delaying the siting downe of the judicatories or any way to promove the act of debtor and creditor. Who returning made report be the comissioner of Monros that haveing accordinglie delyverit the message, the lord preses of the meiting maid ansuer that they had presentlie ane scroll befor tham wherby they wer to deall with my lord generall for speedie setting wp of judicatories, and that they did no way intend to prosecut the act of debtor and creditor; whairwnto it being replied that the comissioneris of burrowis would be verie glad to find them of that mynd and that if they intendit to wreat ony such letter to my lord generall the burrowis wold most willinglie joyne with them in subscriueing thairof, and that it wes desyred that thair lordships wold be pleased to give that ansuer vndir thair hand, the comitte wer desyred to remove, thinking they sould resauie thair ansuer of the table which accordinglie wes done and they called in againe but resaued ansuer that the lordis and gentlmen wold adhear to the former resolutionis; whairvpon they thought fit with-

draw haueing declaired thair great greiff that thair agreement sould break
 vpe in such tearmes. All which being considerit be the comis-
 sioners of burrowis they concludit that no agreement could be made on
 thir tearmes and that apparentlie no wther ansuer wes to be expectit,
 yet did resolue to sit till ten of the clock at night to sie if any wther
 ansuer micht cum frome the lordis, eftir which tyme they adjurned thair
 meiting till the nixt day being Saturday the 4 of February at 8 in the
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9. The commissioners considering that George Downing, who had formerly
 been appointed by the convention to agent their affairs in parliament, was
 "employed beyond seas in the publick effairis of the estait and could not attend
 the said service . . . and finding it ane necessitie lying wpon them and con-
 ditione of thair effairis to have ane faithfull, able, and weill qualifeid persone
 to attend and agent the publick effairis of burrowis with his excellencie the lord
 generall Monk and parliament now at Londoun," and not being in capacity to
 grant a commission till the meeting of the general convention, appointed Doctor
 Thomas Clargies to attend to the affairs of the burghs.

Agent for the
 burrowis.

10. The present comissioneris of burrowis taking to thair serious
 consideratione the sad conditioun of the publick effairis of this natione
 quhairin the estait of burrowis ar heichlie concerned in many werie weighty
 particularis, especiallie that in respect the noblmen and gentillmen con-
 veened hear for the schyres had dissasentit frome thame in the particu-
 laris mentionat in the 8 act of this present conventioun, so that thair is
 ane necessitie lying wpon thame to vse all lawfull and fair meanis for
 preventioun of these dangeris and promoveing of such thingis as may tend
 to the advancement of tread and wealfair of the burrowis ; and for that
 effect to mak vs of some of the most able and qualified persone to be
 sent to his excellence the Lord Generall Monck and to the honorabill par-
 liament and wther judicatories and personis in powar for the ends affor-
 saidis, and haveing long and comfortable experience of the fidelitie of
 William Thomson, thair generall clark, thairfor they have thought fit to
 nominat and appoynt, lykas they heirby nominat and appoynt the said
 William Thomson to repair vnto Londone, or elsquhair that the saidis
 judicatories or persones of powar sall happin to be, with powar to him to
 doe in the premissis as he in his fidelitie and discretioun sall think fit,

Thomson,
 agent for the
 burrowis at
 Londone.

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conform to the instructions and comission given to him be them of the dait of thir presentis or quhatsomever wther instructionis salbe sent him from any wther privat or publict convention of burrowis.

11. Robert Murray, ane of the comissioners for Edinburgh, haueing maid report that conforme to ane order frome the last particular convention by word, himselff, with James Borthwick, Linlithgow, Haddingtoun, and the clark, did resaw the hail letteris frome the seuerall burrowis directit to Generall Monck at Berwick ordored to be sent to him against the 12 of December last, and that accordinglie they had gon in dew season and delyverit the saidis letteris and had procurit his lordships ansuer to the towne of Edinburgh quhairin his lordship requyred, becaus of his then great effairis and want of tyme, the clark of Edinburgh sould send to each burgh who had sent letteris to his lordship ane authentick coppie of his letter to Edinburgh which sould be walid as give his lordship had wreatin them himselff, which accordinglie wes done; as also reported that his lordship had exprest and reiteratit his great respectis to the burrowis and his willingnes to doe thame good. The present comissioners approves of the report and gave them thankis for their fidelitie and paines.

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12. The present comissioneris of burrowis haveing nominat and appointit William Thomson thair generall clark to be thair agent at London in maner mentionat in the 10 act of this present convention and have givin him the instructionis wndirwrittin to be agitat and treatit by him at Londoun with the honorabill parliament and his excellencie the Lord Generall Monck, quhairof the tenor followis:—

(1.) That he salbe in readines with all convenient dilligence to mak his addres first to his excellencie the Lord Generall Monck and present vnto him thair humble seruice, as also to Doctor Clarges his brother in law.

(2.) That he sall deall with his excellence, the parliament and all wtheris in powar to bring the assesment of Scotland to the lowest proportion you possiblie can being now farr abone the trew proportion it ought to be at in relatioun to England.

(3.) That he endeavour to have the excys rectefied according to the paperis to be gottin in be Robert Murray, James Borthwick and Walter Cheyslie.

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(4.) That he represent to his excellencie the great grivance of the natione in relation to quarterings, and procurir ordour for rectefieing thairorf according to the said paper and as they in England.

(5.) That he indeavour for ane abaitement of the proportione of the burrowis assessment, bearing now ane full sext part of the ces of the whole natione quhairas thair personall and reall estaitis ar exceidinglie schort thairorf, and this to be without prejudice of the schyres.

(6.) That he put his excellencie in remembrance of his resolutionis for the increas of tread by mitigating of the customes and setting wp the tread of fischinge and manufactories according to the said paper.

(7.) That his excellencie wold procurir schippis in guarding of our north, west and east coastis for suppressing of the Sueddisch privat men of war who molest the firth and ar supposed to be set furth by men receiding within the natiouns as also the Spanish and all wther privat men of war who molest our whole coastis both east and west.

(8.) That he sall give his best advyce, help, and assistance to such gentlmen as salbe employed for the coall and salt bussienes.

(9.) That he sall deall earnestlie for the speedie sitting doun of our superiour judicatories, and that in the meyne tyme ordour may be givin for oppining of the signet and siting of inferiour courtis.

(10.) That he sall vse all meanes he can to graitefie our ald freindis such as Mr Clark and wtheris knowin to yourselff and to procurir new freindis as in your discretione and fidelitie yow sall find the necessitie of our effairis sall requyr.

(11.) That he sall deall that waccant stipendis be employed for pious vses according to our actis of parliament.

(12.) That he sall deall to settle our staple port at Campheir and be assisting to Thomas Cunninghame in his prosecuting thairorf and in obteaning from the parliament in England his publict debtis.

(13.) That he sall deall and labour to repeal the act of his lait heighnes granting freedome to souldiouris to enjoy priviledges in all burghis.

(14.) If the doctoris of physick or any wtheris sall endeavour to erect

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ane colledge of phisicianis he sall oppos all such motionis according to severall former actis of burrowis being contrair to thair priviledgies.

(15.) That he sall concurr with any gentlmen that endeavouris the erectting of ane mint house or libertie for Sir John Falconer for a jornall (which is the value of fyve thousand pund sterling) of copper money according to the trew standart of Scotland quhairby one turnor is to weigh ane drope and ane halff of weight.

(16.) To represent to the lord generall that cair be takin quhairby this nation may be ruled be thair owin lawis civil and ecclesiastick.

(17.) That with all cair and dilligence he advert wnto any such noblmen, gentlmen, or thair agentis, who sall deal for the act of debtor and creditor or for payment of the thertie thousand lib. sterling or any such publict debtis by new impositione wpon the cuntry, and to oppos any such procedour to the vtermost of his powar.

(17a.) That he informe the lord generall that amongst wtheris incroachmentis frome the nobilitie and gentrie wpone the burrowis they intend to tak some strang cours quhairby all burgessis be debarred frome haueing any voyce in the electione of comissioneris or any publict bussienes meerlie becaus they ar burgessis though free heritouris in the severall counties of the natione.

(18.) That licience may be endeoured for transporting of skyne and hyd and wooll for a certane tyme till manufactories be set up for expending of thame.

(19.) That he concurr with any gentillmen or agentis that ar to deal for releise of prisoneris and give thame his best or to deal for thame be himselff.

(20.) And, last, that speciall cair be takin that such be chosen judgis as ar men of integritie, weall knowin and expert in the lawis of this natione, and that the saidis judgis be authorized to regulat all exorbitant pryces and wther abussis in the superiour and inferiour judicatories, and that inferiour courtis may sit in the accustumat places according to the actis of parliament.

Letter to Dr
Clarges;
Sanquhair.

13. The commissioners approved of (1) a letter by the clerk "to his Excellencie and Doctor Clarges in relation to the effairis of burrowis;" and (2) a letter by the moderator to the burgh of Sanquhair discharging them to suffer their burgessis to dwell in unfree places and exercise the liberty of free burghs.

14. The present comissioneris of burrowis, finding it necessar that ane good correspondence be keipit betuixt thame and thair agent at Londoun, thairfoir they haue appointit the burghis of Edinburgh [and certain other burghs] to meit at Edinburgh everie first Tysday of the moneth to give and resaue instructionis to and frome thair said agent, and incaice of any imergent of great consequence to call ane particular convention to treat thairwpon.

EDINBURGH.
6 February
1660.

Correspondence with
agent.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
29 May 1660.

29 May 1660.

Edinburgh, Sir James Stewart, Robert Murray, James Borthwick ; Commissioners,
 Perth, Patrick Threipland ; Dundie, George Fletcheour ; Abirdeine,
 Gilbert Gray ; Stirling, Duncan Nairne ; Linlithgow, Androw Glen ;
 Glasgow, James Campbell ; Haddingtoun, James Forrest ; Dysart, Wil-
 liam Symson ; Monros, James Brand ; Dumfreis, Robert Grahame ; In-
 nernes, Robert Barbour ; Bruntilland, David Seatoun ; Innerkeything,
 Robert Stewart ; Kinghorne, Johne Bruice ; Jedburgh, Robert Ker ;
 Kirkcudbright, Johne Ewart ; Dumfermling, William Walker ; Selkirk,
 Mr John Angus ; Dumbartane, Johne Cuningham ; Dumbar, James
 Lauder ; Peibles, Johne Andrew ; Caraill, James Moncreif ; Culros,
 Johne Burnsyd ; Queinsferrie, Archbald Wilson ; St Androis, Air, Kirk-
 caldie, Coupar, Anstruther Ester, Brichane, Irving, Wigtoun, Pitinweeme,
 Anstruther Wester, Lanrick, Abirbrothock, Forfar, Northberwick and
 Lauder (*blank*).

30 May 1660.

1. Sir James Stewart, provost and first in commission for Edinburgh, Moderator.
 elected moderator.

2. The commissioners approved of a report of the burghs appointed by the
 14th act of last particular convention to keep correspondence with the agent at
 London, and of a letter sent by them to the King, the latter being appointed to
 be inserted in the register at the end of this convention.

Diligence,
corresponden-
tis, agent.

EDINBURGH.
30 May 1660.
—
£1000 to the
King at Breda.

3. The present commissioneris being informit by ane letter frome thair agent, William Thomsone, frome Breda, schewing that he wes gon thither and had humblie representit to the Kings Majestie the constant affectiones and dewtifull respectis of the burrowis, and that he in thair names had presentit to his Majestie the sowme of ane thousand pund Sterling as ane small token thairfor, which had ane gracious acceptatione frome his Majestie, thairfor [they approved of the good service of their agent, and ordained the burghs to pay their proportions of the above sum].

31 May 1660.

Generall con-
vention at
Edinburgh.

4. The present comissioneris, wndirstanding that seing it hes pleased God to call home the Kingis Majestie to his just right and powar of his three kingdoms, that it is now in thair powar to appoint thair generall conventione which wes denyed to thame the preceeding yeir by these then in authoritie ouer thame, and seing the schortnes of tyme will not permitt them to keip the samyne the ordinar day and place appointed for that effect, thairfor they haue appointed the generall convention to be keiped heir at Edinburgh wpon the second Tysday of Julij nixt, being the tent day of the samyn moneth.

Corresponden-
tis, agent, con-
tinewed.

5. The present comissioneris of burrowis continewis the burghs of Edinburgh [and others] to correspond with thair agent, William Thomsone, now at London and to give and resave instructionis to and frome him as occasion offeris and wpon emergencis to call particular conventionis.

Monros and In-
nernes.

6. Recomendis the granting of supplie towardis the reparatione of the herberie of Monros with the bridge and herberie of Innernes to be serioushie takin in consideratione be the nixt generall conventione.

Supplicatione,
Spence.

7. On the supplication of Robert Spence in London, ordained the moderator to ask such burghs as had received "beneficence frome wmqhill Mr Robert Johnstoun, lawer at Londoun, his uncle," to pay him their shares of an annuity of £40 sterling.

£800 sterling,
£3000 scots.

8. Ordained each burgh to pay their proportions of £800 Sterling drawn by William Thomson, agent at London, and of £3000 Scots disbursed in the public affairs.

1 June 1660.

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1 June 1660.
Letter, Kingis
Majestie.

9. The present comissioneris of burrowis now conveined have appointed ane letter to be wreatin to the Kingis Majestie in thair names congratulating his Majesties saif arywall to his kingdome of England to be subscrivit with all thair handis, and to be insert and registrat in thair generall register with thair former letter efter thair subscriptionis, and to be subscrivit be the moderator.

The present comissioneris of burrowis discharges to admitt or enter any disassent of the burgh of Abirdein or protestatioun maid be him against any act of burrowis maid at this present particular convention, and discharges thair clark to extract any instrument or disassent in that natur.

Disassent,
Abirdein.

LETTERS sent by the Burghs to the King.

The commissioneris of burrowis convened in thair last particular convention apointed the twa letteris direct be the burrowis to the Kings Majestie to be insert and registrat in thair generall register and subscrivit be thair moderator, quhair of the tenor follows :—

Letters to the
King.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVERAGNE,

Wee, your Majesties humble and faithfull subjectis, the comissioneris of the burrowis of this your ancient kingdome of Scotland, being providentiallie met together at this place, wer (to our no small refreshment) maid acquainted with the newis of the Lordis signall appearing on behalf of your Majestie and thes long distractit kingdomes, inclyning the housis of your parliament of England to enquiry efter thes old pathes of richteousnes which have bein so long slighted through the ambitious vsurpationis of men, by acknowledging your Majesties just right and proceeding to your instalment thairin, this great and comfortable revolution bearis wreatin in its foirhead so many charactaris of the infinit power, wisdom, and fidelitie of the Most Heigh that wee cannot bot wonder at it and say : This is our God, wee haue waited for him, wee will be glad and rejoyce in him that those who have boasted of providen-

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King.

tiall dispensationis, whill they walked so egregiouslie cros to the rule of the word of God, sould be refuted by so signall dispensationes of providence according to his word, may convince very atheistis that this is the finger of God. And wee can look no wtherwys wpon it than as the re-veiveing of our scattered and dry bones, a mercie not paralleled in any story, and a pledge of much good to thes dessolat kingdomes, who through the want of your Majesties royall presence have bein wrapped up in a dark cloud of confusions, sorrowes, perplexities and fearis, whill groaning wndir thir present pressouris and the youk of vsurpatione wreathed wpon thair neck they have long and often looked out for this blessed day of the Lordis making. Sir this work of the Lord hath so reveived and cheired wp our speiritis that wee cannot any longer forbear by this our humble adress to testifie our joy in the Lord for the great thingis he hath done and to offer our humble service and alledgeance to your Majestie, praying heartielie that the Lordis right hand who hath begun this good work may settle yow vpon the throne of your dominionis, that all your faithfull subjects may leive wnder your Majestie a quyet and peaceable lyf in all godlienes and honestie, and that this poor kingdome may rype the fruitis of your royall government in thair injoying thes just liberties which have beine trod wpon by thair forces which did invad ws wpon the accompt of our loyaltie and in the protectione of the trew reformed religione as it is establisched amongst ws according to our engadgmentis with your Majesties royall assent, the enjoyment quhairof hath bein so refreschfull to ws amongst all our miseries, as wee ar refresched quhen wee perceave the wniversall joy of all rankis of your Majesties subjectis quhich portendis no small blessing to thes dominionis when a prince so long exerceised and fitted of God to rule sall meit with subjectis so long afflictit with the want of lawfull government and conscious to themselves of the dewitie they owe to lawfull authoritie according to thair manifold engadgmentis. Sua wee doe humblie assuir Majestie that your faithfull subjectis of the respective burghis who have intrusted ws have longe wisched and prayed for this blessed day, and will to thair powar be deficient in no duetie which may witnes how strictlie that religion they profess and ar engaged wnto doeth oblieg them to be loyall and faithfull. Now that the Lord himself may richlie bliss your Majestie, may comfort you according to the dayes quhairin he hath afflictit you and the yeiris

quhairin yow have sein evill, and may mak yow wnto your people as the
 raine wnto the new mawen gras, as the schowris which water the earth, is
 thair humble and heartie prayer, and sall accompt it thair greatest hap-
 pines now, efter all thair languishing trubles, to be refresched with your
 Majesties comandis and the administratioun of your princelie government.
 And in testimonie thair of have comandit this humble and sincear acknow-
 ledgment of thair dewitie to be signed in thair name bee your most sacred
 Majesties most humble, most dewitiefull, and obedient subjectes, the
 provost of Edinburgh, thair moderator

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 King.

SIR JA. STEWART.

*The Burrowis congratulatorie Letter of His Majesties save arrayvall in
 England.*

MOST GRACIOUS AND DREID SOVERAGNE,

Wee, your Majesties most humble and loyall subjectes, the commis-
 sioneris of the burghis of your ancient kingdome of Scotland, did hold it our
 dewitie wpon the first opportunitie of free acces to your Majestie to tender
 our humble adres which wee trustis befor this tyme cam to your Majesties
 handis, now wnderstanding that it hath pleased the Lord to bring your
 Majestie in saffetie to your owin dominionis, efter a long absence so
 grivous to your Majestie and your faithfull subjectis, our heartis ar so
 exceedinglie refresched with this continewed tract of divine providence that
 wee doe sincearlie beleive the Lord our God whos richt hand hath so con-
 spicuouslie appeared all along in this bussienes that very athiestis most
 acknowledge that this is the finger of God, and your Majesties faithfull
 subjectis look wpon it as a reveiving efter so long and sad a dissolatioun
 and as a token for good that our God whos anger hath so long smoaked
 at the prayeris of his people will returne now wnto ws with mercie and
 loveing kyndnes. Though wee have not the opportunitie to be near your
 Majesties royall persone to expres our humble dewtie and affectione, yit
 we assuir your Majestie that yow ar most cordiallie welcome to your good
 people heir out of whose heartis no length of tyme nor sway of bloody
 vsurperis could ever displace your Majestie though they wer permittit
 to depryve ws of your royall presence. Wee ar unwilling to interupt your
 Majestie in your moir weightie effairis with any moir lairge account of the
 sence of our heartis concerning this so great a mercie, but till God minister

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King.

furth opportunitie of bearing witnes to our professionis by our actionis in our stationis we sall endeavour to expres it in our thankfulnes to God and in our prayeris for your Majestie that God may preserve and bless yow, may endew your royall heart with a large measur of the graces of his spirit, may direct and assist you to seik the good of the Lordis Jerusalem and the wealfair of your people, and may mak your Majestie ane nursing father to the trew religione as it is establisched amongst ws, which wee ar confident (through the blessing of God) will render your Majestie a most glorious, renouned, and great monarch, the joy and delight of the present and succeeding generationis who sall observe or have left to them wpon record what great advantages God hath brocht furth of that which bloody men did intend for evill in fiting your Majestie by your afflictionis to rule for Him and in His fear. As thes ar the humble prayeris of all your Majesties humble subjectis in this kingdome so in particular, of your most sacred Majesties most humble and loyall subjectis. (Subscrieves) JA. STEWART, moderatour.

EDINBURGH.
10 July 1660.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Commissioners.

Edinburgh, Sir James Stewart, John Denhame, James Borthwick ;
Pearth, Mr John Patersone ; Dundie, Sir Alexander Wedderburn ;
Aberdeine, Gilbert Gray ; Stirling, Duncan Nairne ; Linlithgow, Androw
Glen ; St Androis, Androw Carstairs ; Glasgow, John Bell ; Ayr, William
Cunynghame ; Hadingtoun, George Forrest ; Dysart, William Symsonne ;
Kirkcaldie, Robert Whyt ; Monros, Robert Rait ; Anstruther Eister ;
William Black ; Dumfreis, John Cunynghame ; Innernes, Finlay Fraser ;
Bruntilland, David Seatoun ; Inerkeything, Thomas Thomsone ; King-
horne, Johne Bruce ; Brichane, John Skynner ; Irving, Allan Dunlope ;
Jedburgh, Robert Ker ; Kirkcudbright, Johne Ewart ; Wigtoun, Hew
Kynneir ; Dumfermling, Peter Walker ; Selkirk, Robert Elliot ; Dum-
bartane, John Cunynghame ; Dumbar, Thomas Purves ; Ramfrew, Robert
Hall ; Lanrick, Michael Gemmill ; Arbroath, Johne Auchterlonie ; Elgene,
Androw Leslie ; Culros, William Pearsons ; Whithorne, Alexander
Donaldsone ; Forfar, George Wood ; Nairne, Robert Bayne ; Forres,
Johne Laynge ; Lauder, Johne Maitland ; Quensferrie, Archibald Wilsone ;
Coupar, Pittinweeme, Anstruther Wester, Peibles, Carail, Taine, Bamff,

Rothsay, Rutherglen, Northberwick, Cullen, Kilrennie, Annan, Loch-
mabeine, Sanchar, Galloway, Dingwall, Dornoch and Inueraray (*blank*). EDINBURGH.
10 July 1660.

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1. Sir James Stewart, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator. Moderator.
2. Hours of meeting appointed to be from nine till twelve and from two till six; same regulations as formerly with reference to attendance, speaking, and voting. Hours of
meeting.
3. The committee for revising the commissions reported that they were sufficient, except the commission of Elgin, which was not signed by a member of council, or sealed, and that of Sanquhair, because it was in favour of a person not qualified. The former commission was sustained and the other refused. Commissiouns.
4. Anent the 3d act of last general convention, the commissioners, "being sensible that judicatories have been silent since the last general convention and no prosecution could be made against the said persons contraveinaries," Diligence,
heretours of
wnfre mercatis. ordained the agent and burghs to prosecute the actions when judicatories shall be established.
5. The present commissioneris of burrowis appointis the burghis of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Abirdein, Stirling, Linlithgow, St Androis, Glasgow, Air and Hadingtoun, with the burghis of Innernes and Bruntland, to be ane comittee for privie conference, and sevin to be ane quorum, and that the hail articles contained in William Thomson their agent at London his letter direct be him to the generall convention may be taikin be tham in consideratioun and thair report thair of to be mad to the whole bodie to the effect ane full and perfect ansuer thair of may be returned to him befor the dissolving of this present convention. Ansuer, letter,
agent at Lon-
done, William
Thomson.

11 July 1660.

6. Referring to the 4th act of last general convention, the commissioners suspended Thomas Cunninghame from his office of factor at Campheir, until he found sufficient caution of new. Cuninghame,
factor, sus-
pendit.
7. Continued the 4th article of the missive as to enrolling of the town of Rosmarkie and Chanrie amongst the number of free royal burghs to be a head of next missive. Inrollment,
Rosmarkie.
8. The commissioners having considered the report of a committee of their number as to two letters, one received from Sir Patrick Drummond and the other from Sir Thomas Cuninghame, as to the office of conservator, they agreed that it Letteris, con-
servatour.

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Letteris, con-
servatour.

would be "inconvenient to the burrowis to give any ansuer at present to ather of the saidis letteris, but that ane letter be wreatin be George Cheyne in thair names to William Thomsone that he may speak and be informed be thame anent the veritie of the contentis of both thair letteris and to know the waliditie of ather of thair richtis to the said office."

Defence,
£30,000 stg.

9. Ordained the burghs mentioned in the ninth act of the particular convention, held in March last, to report their farther diligence to next general convention.

Vniformitie of
measurs.

10. The commissioners understanding there is a difference of the measures of victual and all sort of grain, ratified all acts of burghs formerly made for uniformity of measures, and ordained each commissioner to intimate to the respective burghs that no measures be used but such as are conform to the standard of Linlithgow.

Foreign salt.

11. Continued the article of the missive as to uniformity of the measure of foreign salt to be a head of next missive.

Barrellis, fisch.

12. Ordained the commissioners to intimate of new to their respective burghs the former act as to barrells, transporting and selling of salmon, herring, and white fish, furth of the nation, and to report their diligence in putting the act of parliament in execution.

Commissioners
£4 per diem.

13. Approved of the payment of £4 Scots *per diem* for attendance in Edinburgh to each of those commissioners appointed to keep correspondence with William Thomson, agent at London, and those appointed to attend the defending the action as to payment of £30,000 sterling of public debt.

12 July 1660.

Burgesses,
unfreemen.

14. Anent the third act of the particular convention held in January 1659 as to punishing free burgesses for "culloring" unfreemens' goods and also unfree traders within their bounds, the most part of the burghs reported such diligence "as could be effectuat be them in such a tyme quhair no lawis wer patent;" but it being found that the burghs of Ramfrow and Inveraray had made certain residents in Greinock burgesses who daily exercise trade, these burghs were ordained to cause all their burgesses to make residence or to deprive them of their liberty.

Agentis
compts, dili-
gence bur-
rowis, agent.

15. The auditors having reported on the accounts of William Brown, agent, the burghs were ordained to pay their shares of the sum of £2008, 13s., in which he is superexpended, "and in respect that the lawe has bein silent since the last generall convention, so that no farder dilligence could be done," the commissioners accepted the excuse for diligence of the agent and burghs mentioned in the eleventh and twentieth acts of last general convention, and ninth act of the particular convention held in March 1659, "and ordainis thame to doe farder dilligence in the premissis quhen law salbe patent."

16. The comittie that wer appointit to reveise and considder wpon the hail articles contained in William Thomson, thair agent at London, his letter sent to the burrowis, haveing givin in thair report thairanent, thair wes ane draught of ane ansuer to the said letter ordained to be drawn wp, which being red in presence of the hail borrowis they did all approv thair of, and ordained the same to be heir insert, quhair of the tenor followis :—" Your letter of the fyft instant wee resaued and efter serious consideratione all did agree to returne you this ansuer, first, they ar verie sensible of your great paines, cair, and faithfulness in persewance of thair effairis formerlie intrusted to you and wpon everie emergent wherin they ar concerned, as also of the difficulties and discouradgment yow rancounter with, and will in dew tyme give yow thair owin thankis. Wee ar weill satisfied with the payment of Sir Thomas Clarges his halff yeiris sallarie and doe desyr yow in our names to give thankis for his kyndlie acceptance of our employment and will not doubt but in your absence will cairfullie advert to our concernmentis, prevent our prejudices, and give ws tymous informatioun when any such sall offer which will ever be thankfullie resented. Wee conceive you have done best for the publict good of our effairis to have stayed for some tyme and wait to know quhat salbe the result in relatione to the government and doe allow yow to stay vntill the tyme of the settling of our parliament be knowine and most of our nobl men and gentlmen who hes hand in manadgment of publict effairis returne homeward, which wee expect will be er long, and what yow did in not concurring with settling of judicatories in that way they wer established the tyme yee went fro this, seing God hes brought our deliverance to this happie conditione wee cannot bot approve and thank you for it. As to thos thingis yow apprehendit wer designit anent debtor and creditor or runninge that way wee doe approve your oppositionis and desyr the continuance of your best indewouris. As for convoyis, the remnent of tread to the north or elswhair is quhyt undone for want of them, so effectual meanis wold be wseit with his Maiestie that some way may be takin for constant and secret convoyes abroad for guarding the north, east, and west seas, for some weschellis ar taikin als oft as they adventur, which is no small los to this state. And especiallie yow endeavour that convoyis be sent to the Sound wher it is not to be doubtit but the easter fleit ar now lying waiting at

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 Ansuer, William Thomsons
 letter, agent at
 Londone.

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Ansuer, Wil-
liam Thomsons
letter, agent at
Londone.

Elsinnore. As to thos letteris directit to his Maiestie frome the former particular conventionis of burrowis, which when they came yow consultit the conveniencie of the delyverie of them with our freindis who thought not fitt yow sould doe it, wee haue sein the letteris, and altho wee cannot bot approve of thame yit you being wpon the place wee doubt not but wilbe able to give satisfieing reasonis at your returne why they wer not delyverit so that wee sall pres them no farder, not being conveynent of so old daitis to be delyverit. It is strange to ws, if anything could be thought strange in the age we leive in, that any sould offer to be striving to bring such wmdir censur as did bear office in the burrowis to prevent wtter confusione and desolatione considdering how many in cuntrie and burghis heir wer driven to act wpon such necessitie, the quarrelling now by the good example of England might born thought sould have bein past in silence as better service both to kirk and kingdome. However wee comend your cair and dilligence and doubtis not your continuance in the samyn, and that you will endeavour, if this be not allreadie prevented, that his Maiestie will tak the counsall of expert laweris who can give advyce quhat the conditione of the peopl schould be who ar leiving wmdir him who is in the exerceis of supream powar, the lawfull air wiolentie deteyned from it. As for setling of government wee blis the Lord for his Maiesties returne to the exerceis thairof, and ar hopfull the Lord will direct his Maiestie that efter so long and great troubles he will tak such cours that all his good subjectes may leive in peace and quyettes, that he may regne over thair heartis als weall as thair personis and estaitis. For coall and salt yow wold continow in the way of your instructionis to prevent imposition on such as may be transported fra this to England which will much prejudice if not ruyne that tread which is of greatest concernment of any comoditie cumes fra this kingdome. As for that thousand pund sterling givin in name of the burrowis to his Maiestie in Holland wee haue ordered everie comissioner to pay his proportione to the agent, whilk all present hes promised to satifie, for strengthening the towne of Edinburgh in that particular to accept your billis. And for the wther tuo hundreth pundis what is not payit thairof is now ordoured to be done, but for the wther aucht hundreth pund making wp the thousand lib. whilk yow wreat that the magistratis and counsall hes advancit and payit, the generall conventione hes

resolved wpon accompt presentit to thame or to whome they sall give powar for that effect that all the readiest and speidiest wayes be useit for repaying the samyn with the annual rentis till it be compleitit, which you know is vswall and is the ordinar cours of the generall conventione, tho wee fund by the comissioneris of Edinburgh that thair straitis ar such as they wer most earnest to haue had all repayit, but it could not be grantit, the money not being to be brocht till the accompt be givin in. And for the giving of anie trew accompt of the imploying of it, wee doubt not but as your letteris beare if yow sall give out any for the toune you sall buy the sadle on the right hors and ar not in the least doubtfull of your faithfullnes thairin. Wee ar informed that Captan Langlands and wtheris haue procuired comissionis frome the King of Portugall and be wertew thair of seaze wpon the Dutch in our watteris which yee wold represent to his Maiestie that some cours may be takin thairin. Since yow ar not certane of your returne wee could not appoynt ane meiting of the burrowis but hes warrandit the toune of Edinburgh to call ane particular convention of burrowis efter your returne who no doubt wilbe glad to see you, heir your report, and give yow thankis, *et cetera*. Which being red and approvin they ordained the samyne to be subscriuit and sent to thair agent be the moderatour.

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Ansuer, William Thomsons
letter, agent at
Londone.

17. Anent the 12 act of the said last generall conventione of burrowis ordaining ilk burgh to have sent thair commissioneris sufficientlie instructit to this generall conventione anent the alteratione of the taxt roll, which being recomendit to ane comittee to give thair judgment anent the expedience or inexpedience of the alteratione thair of at this tyme or not, who did declair that they thought it most just that the stent roll should be renewed, that each burgh may cary thair just proportion, but in respect thair is ane parliament schortlie expectit quhairin aymitie is most requisit to be keipit amongst the burrowis, and that it should be endeoured in that parliament that the great decay and lossis of the burrowis be representit and ane abaitment indewoured of the sext pairt of all publict burdingis which is the most probabl way to get relieff of thair burdingis, thairfoir they have thought fitt to continew the samyne till the meiting of the parliament quhair all the burrowis ar to be present by thair commissioneris, that thair lossis may be considerit and redressed, and that immediatlie efter the dissolutione of that parliament

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Alteration taxt
roll.

the burrowis sall continew thair meiting, and tak to thair consideratione the alteratione of the said roll and proceid thairin as the burrowis groaning under the burdingis may be releaved and all alyik lyabl to thair dew proportionis. Quhilk report being read in presence of the haill burrowis they did all approw thair of and continewis the alteratione thair of the said tyme.

Agent, actions.

18. Instructed the agent not to disburse more money in prosecuting any action till he receive a farther warrant.

Rothsay,
Wigtoun, Stirling,
Ramfrow, Inveraray,
Brichan, Inverness,
Munros, decreit arbitral.

19-24. Continued the following to be heads of the next missive, viz. (19) the rental and common lands of Rothsay as in the 8th act of last general convention ; (20) the 9th act of last general convention ordaining Wigton to produce their decreet arbitral ; (21) the 13th act of last general convention as to Stirling prosecuting unfree traders ; (22) the act of last general convention as to selling part of the common lands of Ramfrew ; (23) the 33d act of last general convention as to the superiority of Inveraray ; and (24) the 23d act of last general convention as to the common lands of Brichane, the 5th act of that convention as to the action of Inverness against the inhabitants of Thurso, and the 9th act of the particular convention in January last as to the action of Munros against the possessors of their salmon fishings in North and South Esks.

Exemptione
Tain.

25. Granted exemption to the burgh of Tain from sending commissioners to conventions for the space of three years, on the usual conditions.

Arbroath,
comoun milne.

26. The present comissioneris of burrowes ordaines the brughes of Dundie, Munros, Brichane and Forfar to deall for accomodation betuixt the burgh of Arbroath and David Sutor, possessor of thair comoun milne, and in caice of not amicable agreement ordaines the agent and Edinburgh, wpon the charges of the haill burrowis, to concurr and assist the said burgh of Arbroath in the prosecutioune of the discussing thair of befor the ordinar judg.

Nairn, com-
mon, landis.

27. Anent the supplicatioun and complaint givin in be Andrew Makkie, merchand in Dundie, complaining that the burgh of Nairne had fyned him in ane certane sowme of money for selling of sex firlothes salt to fischeries, the present comissioneris of burrowis remittis the tryall and examinatione thair of to the burghis of Innernes, Elgin, and Forres, with powar to thame to determine thairin as they sall sie caus, and the said burghis to give ane report heiranent to the nixt generall conventione, as also ordaines the said burgh of Nairne to give in ane particular accompt

of the rental of thair comoun landis and comoun good and how the samyn is employed in the said nixt generall convention.

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28. The comittie that wer appointed to give in thair report of thair resolutionis concerning the stapl port of Campheir haveing considerit thairwpon think fit that letteris be wreat unto the hail factores at Campheir to mak thair appearance heir at the nixt generall conventione of burrowis, as also that informatione may be givin thame that they advance money to the marchant efter saill of thair goodis, abaithing onlie so much as the actis of burrowis does prescryve, and not to exceed the samyne, and that they would have ane speciall cair that Daniel Deromok and wtheris mentionat in the act of burrowis mad at Dysart in July 1631 be dischargit from inhanceing or monopolizing the plaiding or any wther stapl comoditie, wndir the paines contained in the said act, ane extract quhairof they thocht fit to be sent them, and that the factores in whose handis the stock for payment of the ministeris stipendis is lying that the samyn may be sufficientlie secured to the satisfactioun of the burrowis. Quhillk report being heard be the hail commissioneris conveneid they unanimouslie approve thairof and ordaines thair clark in thair names to wreat to the factoris to the effect abonewritten.

29. The present comissioneris of burrowis taking to consideratione how necessar it is to both natiues and strangeris that are travelleris in the westerne seas that ane sufficient herberie be erectit at the burgh of Whithorne, and undirstanding by ane supplication presentit to thame by the comissioner of the said burgh that the samyn is altogether decayed, and of thair inhabilitie to repair the samyn, thairfoir they have allowed tham the sowme of three hundreth merkis to be employed towardis the reparatioun of thair said herberie, and ordanis ilk burgh to send thair proportioun thairof to the next generall conventione of burrowis.

30. The comittie appointit for reveising the actis of the respectiue particular conventionis and to give in thair report thairanent did mak thair report that they had pervsed and revesed the samyne and did find the most materiall actis which wer agitat thairin had been discussid in this generall missive, and thairfoire the present comissioneris of burrowis

Staple port.
Supplie, Whyt-horn.

Approbation,
particular
conventiones.

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having heard the report of the said comittee does ratifie and approve the samyne.

Supplicationes,
Tailyeour con-
tra Munros.

31. Continued till next general convention the supplication of John Tailieour, late provost of Monros, against the bailies of that burgh for wrongously arresting a ship's loading of timber belonging to him and enacting him in their council books as a forestaller.

Coupar, com-
oun clarkship.

32. Continued till next general convention the supplication of Androw Hedderwick anent his reception to the common clerkship of the burgh of Coupar, and unlaued that burgh in £20 for absence from this convention.

Exemption,
Nairn.

33. Granted exemption to the burgh of Nairn from sending commissioners to conventions for the space of three years, on the usual conditions.

Cromertie in-
rolment.

34. Appointed a supplication of the town of Cromarty craving to be enrolled amongst the number of free royal burghs, conform to their charter of erection, to be considered at next general convention.

Mercat croce
of Elgyne.

35. Anent the supplicatione presentit to the burrowis be the burgh of Elgyn desyring thair approbatione to the magistratis and counsall of the said burgh for transporting of thair mercat croce frome ane obscur and hid place quhair it now standis to a moir publict and eminent place of thair said burgh for the weall of the leges and the said burgh, the present comissioneris of burrowis ordanis the burghs of Innernes, Bamff, and Forres, to meit at the burgh of Elgin at som convenient day befor the last of August nixt and endeavour aggreement betuixt the magistratis and certane nightbowris opposeris of the transportatioune of the said croce, and to report thair dilligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventione.

Nairne, com-
oun mercatis.

36. Anent the supplicatione given in to the present comissioneris of burrowis be the comissioner of the burgh of Nairne desyring the burghis adjacent to concurr and assist thame in recovering of thair comoun mercatis to be at thair burgh, deteined frome thame by contray gentlmen, and in visiting the conditione of thair burgh, and to report, the present comissioneris ordaines the agent, with the burgh of Edinburgh, with such wther burghis as sall happin to be in towne, to give thair concurrence to the said burgh of Nairne in recovering of thair said mercatis befor the judg ordinar, and the burgh of Inuernes, Dingwall, and Dornoch to visit the conditione of the said brugh and to report.

37. [For obedience of the 7th act of the particular convention held

in January 1659, and the 6th act of the particular convention held in January 1660,] compeared both parties and produced *hinc inde* thair counsall book, protestationes, and grivances to be seen and considerit be the saidis burrowis, quhilk the present comissioneris recomendis to ane comittee of thair number that thay report thair opinion and judgment thairanent to the bodie, and quhilk counsall buik and wtheris paperis being seine and considerit be the said comittee appointit to that effect they gave in thair report as followis to wit:—The comittee haveing heard the magistratis of Kirkcaldie anent thair lait electione who produced the decreit arbitrall of the burrowis with thair counsall book, as also haveing heard David Ferguson who produced the supplicatione with severall protestationis, all red, and efter ane full hearing and debait of all the meritis of the bussienes, they find that by thair decreit arbitrall the arbiteris did decerne the counsall of Kirkcaldie in all tyme coming to consist of twentie ane persones, quhair of thair sould be eight traffiqueing merchandis, ten sailleris, and three craftismen, and that in the last election thair had beine ten sailleris, four traffiquing merchandis, and four maltmen and three craftismen electit, so that both pairties acknowledging thamselves willing to stand to the foirsaid decreit arbitrall, they find the onlie difference to arys whither maltmen be includit wndir the name of treaderis or merchandis, the comittee judg it fitt that the foirsaid decreit [be] ratefied and approuin by this generall conventione, and it be explained quhat distinctione is maid of merchandis, sailleris, and maltmen, that all thes ar wndirstoed to be gild brethir which is the proper name dew to all who ar not incorporat wndir any of the merchant treadis and craftis within the said burgh, and that the eighteine to be electit may be promiscouslie electit of merchandis, sailleris, or maltmen without the regard of the numberis and distinctionis mentioned in the said decreit. Which report being read in presence of the whole burrowis, and both pairties being present who did agree to the said report, thairfoir the present comissioneris aproves the said report and ordaines this ordour to be punctuallie keipit in all tyme cuming, and recomendis vnitie and peace amongst thame selves, and the burgh of Kirkcaldie to report thair dilligence heiranent to the nixt generall convention wndir the paine of 20 lib. and to be ane heid of the missive.

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Agreement,
Kirkcaldie,
election Magis-
trats.

14 July 1660.

Kirkcaldie.

38. Continued till next general convention supplication by the burgh of Kirkcaldie craving the submission given in by them in regard to the letter of guildry to be redelivered in respect they had fulfilled their part.

Particular
convention.

39. The present comissioneris of burrowis conceaving that severall bussienes may fall in betuixt and Thursday nixt and that letteris and wther informationis may come frome thair agent, William Thomsone, at court, which may concerne the greatest interest and privileges of the burrowis, and that thair ar some particularis remittit frome this generall conventione to be determined by them, thairfoir they have nominat and ordained the burgh of Edinburgh [and 17 other burghs,] or any fyve of them, with the comissioneris of Edinburgh, to be ane quorum, with powar to them to receave any letteris concerning the effairis of burrowis and to retorne ansueris thairto and to determine wpon everie thing recomendit to them be this present convention.

Particular con-
vention, re-
turn agent.

40. The present comissioneris of burrowis considdering that it is necessar that thair be ane particular meeting of burrowis appointed efter William Thomson, thair agent, his returne frome London, for heiring his report of all matteris intrusted to him and for prepparing such bussienes as may relait to the estait of the burrowis at the ensueing parliament, thairfoir the present comissioneris of burrowis gives powar and warrant to the burgh of Edinburgh efter the retorne of the said William Thomson to call ane particular conventione of burrowis to consist of als many as can convenientlie be had.

Edinburgh,
comissioneris.

41. Forsamikle as it hes bein moved that off lat, contrair to the ancient custome of burrowis, that the burgh of Edinburgh comissionat three to sit in particular conventionis, which is onlie proper to thame when the generall conventione sitis in thair burgh, thairfoir the burrowis statutis and ordaines that in all particular conventiones heirefter the toun of Edinburgh sall have onlie two comissioneris allowed them.

Gibsons contra
conservator.

42. Ordained the complaint of Robert Gibsons, merchant, against Thomas Cunynghame, conservator, to be considered at next general convention, and the conservator to be present.

Monros.

43. Referred to the particular convention appointed to meet on Tuesday next the supplication given in by the merchants against the magistrates and council of Monros.

44. Unlawed eighteen burghs in £20 Scots each for being absent from this convention. EDINBURGH.
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45. Dissolved the present convention, and appointed the next general convention to be held at Abirdein in July next. Burghis absent
ynlawit.
Nixt conven-
tion.

MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS *appointed by Convention to
conclude certain business, held at* EDINBURGH.

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17 July 1660.

Edinburgh, John Denhame, James Borthwick; Pearth, Mr John Commissioners.
Paterson; Dundie, Sir Alexander Wedderburne; Abirdein, Gilbert
Gray; Linlithgow, Andrew Glen; Glasgow, John Bell; Air, William
Cuninghame; Innerne, Finlay Fraser; Kirkcaldie, Robert Whyt; Jed-
burgh, Robert Ker; Irving, Allane Dunlope; Arbroath, John Auchter-
lonie; Dumfermling, Peter Walker; Stirling, St Androis, Hadingtoun,
Bruntilland, and Dysart, (*blank*).

17 July 1660.

1. John Denhame, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator. Moderator.
2. Hours of meeting to be from nine till twelve and from two till six. Hours of meet-
ing.
3. The present comissioneris of burrowis appointis the burghis of Pearth, Stirling, Culros, Dumfermling, Kirkcaldie and Dysart to wisit the burrowmuir of Dumfermling and to mak search and tryall how the samyne may be improvein for the best advantage of the comoun good of the said burgh and to report the samyn to the nixt particular conventione to the effect they may approve of the samyn as they sall sie caus. Visitation,
Dumfermling.

18 July 1660.

4. The comissioneris who wer appointed to stay at Edinburgh efter the dissolving of the generall convention for discussing of such bussienes as wes recomendit to them be the said generall convention, appointis the burghis off Glasgow, Air and Irving to speik with maister James Robertoun anent his book containing the practicks of the maritime lawis, quhair of he wes desyrit be thame to make ane colectione, conforme to the 2d act of the particular conventione in July 1659, and to consider Robertoun,
admirall lawis.

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18 July 1660.

Robertoun,
admirall lawis.

quhat salbe the burrowis cariadge to gratiefie him for his paines tain thairin and quhat may be satisfactorie for the said work, and to report to the nixt particular convention.

Unlaws.

5. The commissioners unlawed ten of the burghs for their commissioners departing from the general convention before subscribing the book.

Difference,
magistratis
and mer-
chandis of
Monros.

6. The comissioneris of burrowis haveing heard the supplication givin in be the severall merchandis of Monros against the deaconrie thair and wtheris particularis mentioned thairin, as the supplicatione at mair length propositis, and haveing inquyred the provest and some of the deykinis of treadis who wer present give they wold submitt to the burrowis, they did find the deykins not free thairvnto, declairing they had nather power nor comissioun to that effect, efter full and matuir consideratione of all the meritis of the said bussienes the comissioneris of burrowis did all agree that it wes fitt to forbear any farder procedour in the said mater but leives it to the farder consideratione of the generall conventione of burrowis (which is expectit to be at this ensewing parliament) or any wther competent judicatorie; and in the meane tyme they charge and requyr the present magistratis and counsall of Monrose, as also the merchandis plentives, that they cary and deport thamselues peaccablie and studie and indeavour vnitie and concord in all handis, and that no procedour salbe vsed by the magistratis and counsall against the saidis merchandis supplicantis for quhat they have done in offering of thair petitiones to the borrowis; as also that the merchandis supplicantis sall leive peaceablie, giving all just respect to the magistratis, wntill the ensewing generall conventione of burrowis or any wther competent judicatorie quhair the materis contraverted may have ane full debait and determination thair of, with certificatione that if ather the magistratis or counsall of Monros or the merchantis supplicantis sall not follow this the charge and advyce of this conventione that then the comissioneris of the burrowis will espous the interest of thes who sall comply thairwith against the wther who sall contraveine the samyne. Which ordinance being read in presence of both pairties, the provest for himself and in name of the magistratis and counsall, and John Tailyour, James Pedie and George Smyth for thamselves, in name of the merchantis complaineris, did acquies and agree to the ordinance of the saidis burrowis abonewrittine and to

observe the samyn punctuallie and to report to the first generall conventione.

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7. Ordained the burgh of Edinburgh to direct missives to twenty of the burghs to attend a particular convention.

Burghis, particular convention.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

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13 September
1660.

Edinburgh, Robert Murray, James Borthwick ; Pearth, Mr John Patersone ; Dundie, Sir Alexander Wedderburne ; Abirdein, Sir Robert Farquhair ; Stirling, Duncan Nairne ; Linlithgow, Androw Glen ; Glasgow, James Campbell ; Air, William Cuninghame ; Haddingtoun, William Seatoun ; Kirkcaldie, Robert Whyt ; Monros, James Brand ; Bruntilland, George Gardin ; Brichan, George Steill ; Culros, John Burnsyd ; Rutherglen, David Spence ; Quensferrie, Archibald Wilsone ; St Androis, Dysart, Innernes, Kinghorne, Irving, Jedburgh, Dumfermling, Selkirk, Dumbartane, Dumbar, Ramfrew and Peibles (*blank*). Commissioners.

13 September 1660.

1. Robert Murray, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator. Moderator.

14 September 1660.

2. The comissioneris of burrowis now conveyed, taking to their consideration how necessar it is that such personis as wer nominat be his Majestie and parliament in anno 1651, or any added since thairto be of the comittee of estaites to attend that servuice, and that it is just that all such schould have thair expenssis duiring thair attendance, and quhair thair ar moir persones nominat of one burgh than one that thame quhom the magistratis and counsall of the said burgh sall desyr the attendance of moir then one, then thair expenssis to be lykwys payed to thame and no wtherwys, and ordaines this to be intimat to all the burrowis that they may conforme thairto, mak readie payment, and vs all lafull executioun against the refusaris if any be. Comissioners expenssis attending convention of estaits.

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15 September
1660.

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Letter, chanc-
lar, qualifica-
tione of magis-
tratis and
counsall.

3. The comissioneris of burrowis now conveyned haveing resaued ane letter direct to them frome the lord chancelar which wes read, and efter serious consideratioune thair of thought fit the samyn sould be recordit, quhair of the tenor followis:—Right worthie. Haveing heard of ane meiting of the burrowis, and considdering of how much importance it may be to his Majesties service that tymlye cair may be takin that at tyme of the nixt electionis of magistratis and counsallouris in the severall burghis such onlie may be maid choise of as ar of known fidelitie and loyalty towardis his Maiestie, thought I have good reasone to be considerit that in thankfullnes to so great a mercie which God has manifested to ws all in the happie restoratione of our most gracious Soveraue non of you will be wanting in that dewitie yow owe to his sacred Maiestie in your stationis, yit I conceive it my dewitie to put yow in mynd of that which his Maiestie does expect frome your affectionis and zeall to his service, and which may be a lasting evidence of the burrowis of Scotland loyaltie and rubbing of the manie reproches hath bein laid wpon all this kingdome, occasioned by the former practissis of a few disloyall personis quho prospered in thair wickednes for a tyme that they might be the easier discovered and rendered unworthie of moir trust amongst loyall subjectis; bot as I nowayes doubt of your guid resolutionis in this, so at this tyme I sall not give yow moir trubl but that this and all wther purpосsis that may concerne his Maiesties service may be recomendit to your meiting frome your affectionat friend and servant, GLENCAIRNE.—In persewance quhair of the present comissioneris, conceiveing themselves bound to endewour that none that dissassentit to his Maiesties government be in any place or powar in thair respectiue corporationis, did ordaine and heirby ordaines that in the ensewing electioun of magistratis, counsall, and all wther officiaris within burghis, no persone or personis who contruyed or subscryved the remonstrance or associatione, or concurred in the prosecutione of any cours for promoteing the endis thair of, or protestit against any publict judicatories thair determinationis since the yeir 1650, or ar anywys dissaffectedit to his Maiesties government, or endewouris by factione or seditioun the disturbance of his Maiesties peace, or deserted any charge in his Maiesties armies without any lawfull

warrande, that non such be admitted to any place of magistracie, counsall, or office of deaconrie within burgh; and ordaines this present act speidilie to be communicat to ilk burgh that non pretend ignorance thairrof.

EDINBURGH.
15 September
1660.

4. The present comissioneris of burrowis taking it to thair consideratione how advantagious it wer to the increase of tread and comoun weall of the estait of burrowis with the whol kingdome that the fisching tread be erected within the samyn, and wnderstanding by thair registeris and wther paperis in thair clarkis handis that the said tread hes bein endevoured in former tymes but not takin full effect, thairfoir the present comissioneris recomendis to the burgh of Edinburgh to caus thair clark search thair registeris and wther paperis relating to the fisching and to extract such actis and paperis as may give some insicht and clearing thairin which may be representit to the ensuing parliament.

Fisching tread.

17 September 1660.

5. The present comissioneris of burrowis wnderstanding that non of thair addressis hes bein presentit to the Kingis Maiestie haw thought fit that ane congratatorie letter be wreatin and subscriyuit be the haill comissioneris now present representing thair humbl and dutiefull obedience to his Maiesties service, with ane letter to the Earle of Lauderdale, secretarie for the estait of Scotland, desyring him with the concurrence of William Thomson, thair agent, to present the said letter to the Kingis Maiestie which they desyr to be recordit in thair generall register, and qubairof the tenor followis:—Most sacred Soverane. As nothing did moir reveive ws nor your Maiesties happie restoratione, wpon the first hearing whair of wee presumed to send maister Thomsone to congratulat the samyn and tender to your sacred Maiestie our most bound and dewtiful service, so now being conveyned togither wee thought it most suitable thairto by this our most humble address to offer ourselves to be readie wpon all occasionis to promove your Maiesties service, and now hes maid it our onlie work that non in our severall corporationis who standis in the least dissaffectedit to your Maiesties government schalbe in any place or powar thairin, that thairby in the ensueing parliament, or in any of your Maiesties judicatories, whair by your Maiesties favour wee ar to have

Letter to
Kings Majesti
frome the
burrowis.

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1660.

Letter to
Kings Majestie
frome the
burrowis.

ane schair, non may appear but such as ar cordiallie devoted to promove your Maiesties commandis. Royall Sir, it hath beine the honor and happienes of your Maiesties free royall burrowis to be immediatlíe depending wpon thair kingis and to be protectit in the injoyment of thair privileges by your Maiestie and thame, and wee doe now heartilie pray that wpon our duetiefull deportment wee still continew in that injoyment of your Maiesties favour and protectione. Sir, thair is non of your Maiesties subjectes who sall studie moir to expres thair fathfullnes for carieing on of all your Maiesties concernmentis and pray moir heartilie for your Maiesties long and prosperous raigne, then, most sacred Sovereigne, your Maiesties most humbl, obedient, and faithfull subjectis, the comissioneris of your Maiesties Royall Borrowis. Sua subscriyves. Which being read and heard by the saidis borrowis they did all heartielie approve of the samyn and thairfoir ordained the samyn to be sent by maister William Scharp who wes goeing post to London to thair agent, William Thomson, to be presentit to his Maiestie in maner abonewrittin, and ordaines the agent to pay to the said maister William Scharp ten pund Sterling for carying the said letter, quhilk salbe allowed to him in his accomptis. The borrowis did agree by thair letter wreatin to William Thomson, thair agent, amongst wther particularis, that he render Sir Thomas Clargies thankis for his bypast service and to schow that they intend to trubl him moir in thair service.

Opening of the
signet.

6. The present comissioneris of borrowis having appointed some of thair number to speik with the lord chancelar anent the opining of the signet, and haveing heard frome his Lordship that he had ane mynd to move the Kings Maiestie thairin, doe now recomend the burgh of Edinburgh to prosecut the same and to wait wpon his lordship frome tyme to tyme for that effect.

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Commissioners.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Sir Robert Murray, James Borthwick ; Pearth, Mr John Paterson ; Dundie, Sir Alexander Wedderburne ; Abirdeine, Alexander Alexander ; Stirling, Robert Stewinson ; Linlithgow, Androw Glen ; St Androis, Patrick Lentrone ; Glasgow, James Campbell ; Air, Richard

Sluce ; Hadingtoun, William Seatoun ; Kirkcaldie, Robert Whyt ; Mon-
ros, George Erskine ; Innerne, John Stewart ; Bruntilland, George
Gardin ; Jedburgh, George Moscrop ; Dumfermling, Peter Walker ;
Carail, James Thomsone ; Elgine, John Dumbar ; Culroise, James
Gourlay ; Rutherglen, David Spence ; Quinsferrie, Archibald Wilsone ;
Dysart, William Symson.

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13 November
1660.

13 November 1660.

1. Sir Robert Murray, provost and first in commission for Edinburgh, Moderator.
elected moderator.

14 November 1660.

2. The committee appointed to revise the commissions reported thereon, and
the convention dispensed with certain neglects mentioned in the report.

Sufficiencies of
commissions.

16 November 1660.

3. It having been reported that the burgh of Ramfrew had made choice of Ramfrew.
some of their number of magistrates and council, who were not qualified conform
to the act of the burghs in September last, the commissioners "considering how
prejudicial ane thing it may be to the estait of burrowis if any person not
qualified conforme to the said act sould be maid choys of to be ane comissioner
to the ensewing parliament," ordained the burghs of Glasgow, Dumbarton, and
Rutherglen to meet at Ramfrew before 1st December next, to see the same
rectified and make a new election if necessary, till which time no election of a
commissioner is to take place.

4. The present comissioneris of burrowis wnderstanding by some of thair
number that Richard Gillone, comissioner for the burgh of Lanerick, efter
the defeat of his Maiesties forces at Dumbar had gone alongis with Col-
lonell Ker and Coll. Straquhan to that associatione in the west, which they
conceave wes ane promoveing of the endis of the remonstrance, and in his
not returning to attend his Maiesties leivtennant generall for promoveing
of his Maiesties service and of severall wther neglectis comittit be him
as ane magistrat of ane burgh in the dayes of solemnitie and thanks-
giveing for his Maiesties blessed and happie restoratioun to his govern-
ment ; quibich report being considerit be the saids comissioneris they
doe esteime the said Richart Gillone as one dissaffected to his Maiesties
government and thairfor they dischairge him frome siting and joyning
with thame as ane member of thair incorporatione till he be first cleared

Lanerick,
magistratis
and counsell
not qualified.

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1660.

Lainrick,
magistratis
and counsell
not qualified.

of thes accusationes, and does appoint and ordaine the burghis of Edinburgh, Linlithgow, Glasgow, and Rutherglen to meit at the said burgh of Lanrick befor the first of December nixt, and Edinburgh to be the conveiner of the rest, and to try if thair electione of thair magistratis be conforme to the qualificationes contained in the act of burrowis maid in September last, and in the mean tym the clark to wreat to them to desist frome choosing of ane comissioner to the ensueing parliament wntil the meiting of the abonenamed burghis at thair said burgh.

Burrowis,
agent at court.

5. The comissioneris of burrowis now conveined, considdering that the great necessitie of thair vrgent effairis requyres ane sufficient person that is in favour and hes power with his Maestie to be thair agent at court, and haveing had full experience of the good will, favour, qualeficacione, and abilitie of the nobl and potent lord John Earle of Lauderdale, his Maesties secretarie for the Kingdome of Scotland, one of his Maesties bed chamber, resident with his Maestie at court, thairfoir they be thir presentis makis, creatis, and constitutis the said nobl Earle thair lawfull, wndoubtit agent, during the will of the burrowis, in all the effairis of the burrowis, and in all things that schall happin thame to haue a doe with his Maestie vpon the advertisement to be maid to him be the burgh of Edinburgh in thair names, for the whilkis caussis they bind and obleidg thame and thair burghis to content and pay to the said nobl lord the sowme of tua thousand merkis money yeirlie induiring his said service . . . as also ordanis thair clark in thair names to wreat ane letter to the said noble lord to this effect.

Bamff, magis-
tratis.

6. Ordained the clerk to write the burgh of Bamff to make choice of some qualified person, conform to the act of burghs in September last, to be provost in place of Alexander Douglas who demitted his charge, and to put qualified persons in the place of any others in the council who may be disqualified.

17 November 1660.

Clargies, agent,
discharged.

7. The comissioneris of the burrowis haveing takin to thair consideration that they had formerlie nominat Doctor Clargies, now Sir Thomas Chargeis, to be thair agent at court and to have ane certan sallarie for that effect, and now seing that effairis runs hapilie wndir his Maesties government and that vtheris may be moir vsefull for carieing on thair

effairis, they have thairfoir thocht fitt to declair the said Sir Thomas his place as thair agent to be woyd, and ordaines thair clark to signifie the same to him by ane letter.

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1660.

8. The comissioneris of burrowis haveing heard Sir William Thomson, thair agent, his report of his negotiatiōne in thair effairis in his lait imployment, and heard his Maiesties gracious letter quhairin is declaired his Maiesties good acceptance of thair adressis and assurance of protection, as also the signatur confirming the burrowis privedgis, togidder with ane letter frome the Earle of Lauderdale; efter consideratiōne thairōf, they being straitned with tyme and thair being ane generall convention to be at Edinburgh the 8th of December nixt, they all agreed that publick thankis sould be returned to thair said agent for his cair, faithfullness, and vigilance in promoveing thair effairis; and as concerning the staiting of his accomptis presented by him, and consideratiōne of thos letteris and signatur delyvered by him, they continew to this ensewing conventione.

Report, Sir
William
Thomson his
negotiation at
court.

9. Anent the complaint givin be the burgh of Jedburgh against the keiping of ane weiklie mercat in Melros, the present comissioneris recomendis this to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Melros, mercat.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
8 December
1660.

Edinburgh, Sir Robert Murray, Edward Edgar, James Borthwick; Pearth, Mr John Patersone; Dundee, Alexander Wedderburne; Abirdein, William Gray; Stirling, Duncan Nairne; Linlithgow, Androw Glen; St Androis, Androw Carstairs; Glasgow, John Bell; Air, William Cuningham; Haddingtoun, William Seatoun; Dysart, William Symson; Kirkcaldie, Johne Williamsone; Monros, Johne Reynold; Coupar, Alexander Turnbull; Anstruther Eister, Alexander Black; Dumfreis, John Irving; Innernes, Alexander Cuthbert; Bruntilland, George Gairdin; Innerkeything, Thomas Thomsone; Brichane, George Steill; Irving, Allane Dunlope; Jedburgh, John Rutherford; Kirkcudbright, Johne Ewart; Wigtoun, Thomas Stewart; Anstruther Wester, Thomas Watsone; Selkirk, Robert Elliot; Dumbartane, Walter Watsone; Dumbar, James Lauder; Lanrick, Patrick Bisset; Abirbrothock, John Auchterlonie; Peibles, Alexander Williamsone; Culros, William Pearstone; Bamff, Patrick

Commissioners.

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8 December
1660.

Stewart ; Whythorne, Alexander Donaldsone ; Rothesay, Adam Stewart ; Northberwick, Adam Maxwell ; Cullan, Mr George Dumbar ; Lauder, Robert Henderson ; Lochmabein, John Johnstoune ; Sanquhair, John Williamsone ; Dingwall, Alexander Baine ; Queinsferrie, Archibald Wilsone ; Inueraray, Johne Yuill ; Kinghorne, Pitinweime, Dumfermling, Ramfrew, Elgin, Carail, Taine, Forfar, Nairne, Forres, Rutherglen, Killrennie, Annan, Galloway and Dornoch (*blank*).

8 December 1660.

Moderator.

1. Sir Robert Murray, provost and first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

10 December 1660.

Sufficiencie of
comissionis.

2. The committee appointed to revise the commissions having reported that "they find them all sufficient, onlie the comissioners frome Peibles, Anstruther Eister and Wester and Dingwall had onlie comissionis for the ensueing parliament which they declared wes onlie vpon ane mistake of thair counsall thinking the said comissione for the parliament to be sufficient for both " and they undertook to procure commissions before the sitting of the parliament. The convention approved of the report and admitted all the commissions.

12 December 1660.

Agent at court,
comptis.

3. Ordained that Sir William Thomson, agent of the burghs, be paid £1935, 17s. 10d. sterling for disbursements and ordinary expenses in negotiating thair affairs at court ; and for his "paines and incurradgment to continew in thair effairis he sall have the sowme of two hundreth four scoir nyne pundis sterling."

Navigatioun
and tred in
England.

4. The saidis comissioneris of burrowis haveing recomendit to the consideratione of the foirsaid comittie the prejudice sustained be this kingdome through the act of the parliament of Ingland concerning tread and navigation, it wes the judgment of the comitte that ane letter be wreatin to the Earle of Lauderdale, his Maiesties secretarie, representing the great dissadvantag this kingdome may sustean be the said act and quhat cours may be takin for repealling of the samyne, and that his lordship wold tak notice that this kingdome suffer no prejudice by the comitte of treading at Londone but that the same priviledg in treading

with thame and they with ws may be allowed which both kingdomes
 formerlie joynd one with another, wtherwys that this kingdome wold
 be necessitat at this ensueing parliament to tak the lyke cours against
 thame; as also that ane letter frome the comittee of estaitis may be earnest-
 lie desyred to the purpos and that some of thair number sould be appointed
 to speik the lord chancelar and wther cheiff officiariis of estait memberis
 of the said comittee for that effect, as also that some of thair number
 who ar to stay in towne sould be joynd with baillie Walter Cheysley,
 merchaud in Edinburgh, and wther abl and qualiefied merchandis thair
 quhom it sall pleas the provest of Edinburgh to nominat, to draw wp all
 such grivances as this kingdome may susteane be the abone mentionat
 act of treading and navigatione and quhat remedies may be best thought
 wpon for obviating thes prejudices, and to report befor the dounsiting of
 the ensueing parliament, and that ilk burgh present, at thair homecuming,
 wold tak advyce with thair gildrie and ablest merchandis anent the
 preymissis and report; quhilk report being heard and considderit be the
 whole bodie they doe all approve thairof and thairfoir ordaines thair
 clark in thair names to wreat in letter to the said Lord Lauderdaill to the
 effect above wreatine, and thir presentis salbe his warrant; as also
 ordaines the burghis of Edinburgh, Pearth, Abirdeane, Air, and Dysart
 to speak with the chancelar; and the provest of Edinburgh, Sir Robert
 Murray, Dundie, Glasgow, Stirling and Innernes to speik with the Earle
 of Rothes and wtheris eminent officiariis of estat, memberis of the comittee
 of estaitis, for procuring ane letter frome thame to the said Lord Lauder-
 daill for the same purpos and to report; and lykwys appointis the burghis
 of Edinburgh, Abirdein, Glasgow, Innernes, Dysart, and any wtheris that
 sall happin to remain in Edinburgh, to joyne with the said Waltir
 Cheislie and wtheris merchandis in Edinburgh for drawing wp the pre-
 judices susteane be this kingdome by the act of treading and naviga-
 tion maid in the parliament of England, as also the remedies against
 the samyn; and the haill burrowis to adwys with thair burghis at home
 heiranent and to report befor the dounsiting of the parliament.

EDINBURGH.
 12 December
 1660.
 Navigations
 and tred in
 England.

5. On a complaint by the commissioner of Linlithgow, the convention
 resolved to concur with any burgh wronged by unfree traders, and especially the
 burgh of Linlithgow, "in prosecution of the reparatione of thair prejudice sus-
 teaned by wnfreetrederis in Burrowstounnes."

Lythgow, wnfreetrederis,
 Burrowstounnes.

EDINBURGH.
12 December
1660.
Dysart.

6. The commissioners recommended the burghs of Bruntilland, Kirkcaldie, St Androis and Kinghorne to meet at Dysart before the sitting of parliament "for taking away the contraversie betuixt the magistratis of the said burgh and Henrie Peadie, one of thair lait baillies, anent his imprisonment."

13 December 1660.

Bamff, election
of provost.

7. In respect the burghs mentioned in the 6th act of last particular convention had not met at Bamff, and finding that the burgh had "maid chois of ane knowin qualiefied persone, Patrick Stewart, to be commissioner both to this present convention and to the ensewing parliament, thairfoir they admitt and resaue him as ane lawfull commissioner, and ordanis the said burgh to mak chois of ane qualiefied persone to be thair provest."

Lochmabeine,
comissioneris.

8. The burgh of Lochmaben having sent two commissioners to parliament, and they having produced their commissions, the commissioners found both elections illegal, and ordained them to make election of new of a qualified person both to the convention and parliament.

Contraversie
for prioritie,
Glasgow, etc.

9. The moderatour having reported that the comittie for reveising of the comissiones having considerit the contest betuix the burghis of Glasgow, St Androis, Stirling and Lithgow for the prioritie in ryding at parliament, they thought it expedient to try quhither thes burghis wold submit the contraversie to thair decisione and if not they wold not medl in the bussienes, and the saidis burghis compearand and refusing to submitt, the present comissioneris ordaines everie one of them to advys with thair respectiue burghis whither they wold submitt to the burrowis or to bring thair wther legall defences to the nixt meiting of thair generall conventione; as also they continew the lyk contraversie betuixt Innernes, Haddingtoun, Coupar, Kirkcaldie, Monros, Anstruther Eister and Dumfreis to the said nixt generall conventione.

Contraversie,
Monros.

10. Ordained the burghs of Pearth, Dundie, Abirdein, St Androis, Brichane and Forfar to send commissioners to Monros on the first Tuesday of March next, to endeavour to come to an agreement with regard to the petition of the merchants against the magistrates of that burgh, "and ordained both pairties to leive peaceable according to the 7 act of the particular convention at Edinburgh in Julij last."

Adjurning
the conven-
tion.
£6 to servant
of Towbuith.

11. The commissioners adjourned this meeting till Friday 28th instant.

12. Ordained the agent "to pay to the servant of the Towbuith, for keiping and dressing the counsall hous and bigging on thair flyer, sex pund Scottis."

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
28 December
1660.

Commissioners.

Edinburgh, Sir Robert Murray, Edward Edgar, James Borthwick ;
 Perth, Mr John Paterson ; Dundie, Alexander Wedderburne ;
 Abirdeine, William Gray ; Stirling, Duncan Nairne ; Linlithgow,
 Andrew Glen ; St Andros, Andrew Carstairs ; Glasgow, John Bell ;
 Air, William Cuninghame ; Haddington, William Seatoun ; Dysart,
 William Symptone ; Kirkcaldie, John Williamsone ; Monros, John
 Rynnald ; Coupar, George Turnbull ; Anstruther Eister, Alexander
 Black ; Dumfries, John Irving ; Innerne, Alexander Cuthbert ; Brun-
 tilland, George Gairdin ; Innerkeything, Thomas Thomsone ; Kinghorne,
 Robert Cuninghame ; Brichane, George Steill ; Irving, Allan Dunlop ;
 Jedburgh, John Rutherford ; Kirkcudbright, John Ewart ; Wigtown,
 Thomas Stewart ; Pitinweime, (*blank*) ; Dumfermling, James Moodie ;
 Anstruther Wester, Thomas Watson ; Selkirk, Robert Elliott ; Dum-
 bartane, Walter Watson ; Ramfrow, Andrew Semple ; Dumbar, James
 Lauder ; Lanrick, Patrick Bisset ; Abirbrothock, John Auchterlonie ;
 Elgine, Andrew Leslie ; Peibles, Alexander Williamsone ; Carail, James
 Moncreiff ; Taine, Andrew Ros ; Culros, Alexander Bruce ; Bamff,
 Patrick Stewart ; Whithorne, Alexander Donaldsone ; Forfar, David
 Dickiesone ; Rothesay, Adame Stewart ; Nairne, John Ros ; Forres,
 John Layng ; Rutherglen, David Spence ; Northberwick, Adam Max-
 well ; Cullane, Mr George Dumbar ; Lauder, Thomas Wood ; Killrennie,
 James Broune ; Annan, Hew Sinclair ; Lochmabeine, (*blank*) ; Sanquhair,
 John Williamsone ; Galloway, Mr Robert Dickiesone ; Dingwall, Alex-
 ander Baine ; Dornoch, Alexander Gordoun ; Queensferrie, Archibald
 Wilson ; Inveraray, (*blank*) ; Forteros, Alexander Grahame ; Cromartie,
 Alexander Clunyes ; Kintoir, Mr James Keythe ; Inverurie, William
 Fergusone ; Week (*blank*).

28 December 1660.

1. Sir Robert Murray, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected mode- Moderator.

EDINBURGH.
2 January
1661.

2 January 1661.

Vniformitie,
commissions.

2. The commissioners understanding that the burghs of Innerkeything, Culros, Taine, Annand, Kintoir, Inverurie, Forteros and Cromartie and Weik had chosen commissioners who were not merchants, traffickers, nor actual residents, the commissioners of these burghs were called before them and found "to be according to the qualificationis requisite for commissioneris." It was ordained that no burgh make choice of a commissioner not possessing the qualifications contained in the acts of burghs.

Anstruther
Wester, sup-
plication to the
parliament.

3. Anent the supplicatione presentit to the comissioneris of burrowis be the comissioner of the burgh of Anstruther Wester, representing the sad condition of thair burgh occasioned through the los of tread and thair whole schipping, the onlie meanes of thair subsistence, and wther sad calamities of the distractit tymes, desyring thair concurrence and assistance befor the honorabill court of parliament now siting in obteneing ane exemptione to thair said burgh frome payment of ces and wther publict burdingis wntill it sall pleas the Lord they come to some treading quhairby they may be in capacitie to beare burthen with the rest of the burrowis, quhilk supplicatione being sein and considderit be the borrowis, and wndirstanding the conditione of the said burgh be thair neightbouring burghis to be most deplorable, thairfoir they vnanimouslie condescend to be assisting to tham in thair said supplicatione befor the said honorabill parliament for obteneing the granting of the desyre thairrof.

6 January 1661.

Comittie, over-
touris to the
parliament.

4. Appointed Edinburgh and fifteen other burghs, with Sir William Thomson, their clark, to meet at certain times for receiving overtures and bills in which the burghs may be concerned and doing everything necessary for their benefit.

10 January 1661.

Contraversie,
Jedburgh con-
tra comoun
clark.

5. Anent the supplicatione presentit to the burrowis be Robert Rutherford, towne clark of Jedburgh, representing to thame that thair wer ane certane number of thair magistratis, counsall, and inhabitantis of thair burgh, who wer vseing all meanis with the lord chancelar and

wtheris in powar for depryveing of him of his office of clarkschipe within the samyne without any reall ground alledgit against him or admitting of hearing to him quhat he hes to say for vindicating of himselff of any thing they have to lay to his charge, and desyring that they may be dischargit frome any farder procedour in the said mater wntill he sould be heard befor ane certane number of the burrowis who sould be impowared to hear bothe pairties and to determine thairin as they sall sie just caus, [the commissioners ordained the burghs of Haddingtoun, Selkirk, Peibles and Lawder to meet at Jedburgh and deal for the composing of all differences, and to report, and in the meantime Jedburgh not to proceed any farther in the said matter.]

EDINBURGH.
10 January
1661.
Contraversie,
Jedburgh con-
tra comoun
clark.

6. In presence of the comissioneris of burrowis now conveened, compeared Alexander Grahame, comissioner for the townes of Rosmarkie and Chanrie, and presentit ane supplication desyring the saidis townes, conforme to the chartour of erection wndir his Maesties great seall and confirmation thairof by his Hienes and three estaitis of parliament in anno 1633 yeiris incorporating the saids townes in ane free royall burgh wndir the name of Forteros, that conforme to the tenouris thairof the samyn burgh may be inrollit amongst the number of the free royall burghis of this kingdome, and to beare all portabl chairges with thame in tyme cuming as to thair abilitie and powar thay nicht, as at length is contained in the said supplicatione, qubairwith the saidis comissioneris being ryplie advysit, and the comoun weall of thair estait weall foirseane, and the richtis foirsaidis of the said burgh of Forteros being formerlie dewlie and exactlie considerit, they all in one woyce (the burgh of Inuernes onlie exceptit) ordained the saidis burghis wndir the name of Forterose to be inrollit be thair clark amongst the number of the royall burrowis of this kingdome conforme to the tenour of thair erectione and confirmatione proceeding thairwpon; lykas they be thir presentis acceptis, resawis, and inrollis the samyn burgh as said is, and ordaines thame to have place conforme to thair inrollment in all generall and particular conventionis and to be wernit thairto conforme to the ordour vseit in such caices, and ordaines the said burgh to send with thair comissioner to the next generall conventione thair approbatione, band, and obleischment for keiping of all generall and particular conventionis quhairto they salbe warnit, and for obeying and fullfilling all the actis and ordinances of burrowis allreadie

Forteros, inroll-
ment, missive.

EDINBURGH.
10 January
1661.

Forteros, inroll-
ment, missive.

maid or to be maid, and for governing themselves accordinglie, and forbearing all such burthingis as salbe imposed wpon them with the rest of the burrowis according to thair pairt of the taxt roll, and last, for procuiring, assisting, and manteaning of the rest of the burrowis in thair just liberties and privilegedies according to thair powar and abilitie; provyding allwaies, lykas it is hearby speciallie provydit, that incaice the said burgh of Innernes prevaill against the said burgh of Forteros in the actione of thair reductione and improbatione of thair liberties and rychtis depending befor the lordis of sessioun that this thair inrollment, now as then and then as now, salbe null and of no effect; whairvnto the said Alexander Grahame consentit and agreed in name of the said burgh of Forteros and tuik instrumentis wpon the preymissis, and band and obleischid him for sending of the said band to the said nixt generall convention and for performance of the haill preymissis; and ordaines ilk burgh to be requyrit for sending thair comissioneris sufficientlie instructit for stenting of the said burgh of Forteros.

Protestation,
Innernes.

And lykwys compeared Alexander Cuthbert, comissioner for the burgh of Innernes, and protestit that the said burgh of Forteros thair inrollment amongst the number of the remanent free royall burrowis sould nawaies preyjudg the said burghis actione depending anent the reducioun of thair rightis and liberties befor the lordis of sessioun against thame which is now questionable, which the said generall convention admittit and appointit the clark to give him ane extract thair of.

Cromarties in-
rollment, pro-
testation In-
nernes.

7. Compeared the commissioner for the burgh of Cromartie desyring that that burgh, which has a charter of erection under his Majesty's great seal, may be enrolled amongst the number of free royal burghs. The commissioners (with the exception of the burgh of Inverness), agreed to the enrollment in terms similar to the immediately preceding act.

Inrollment
Kintour.

8. The commissioners agreed to the enrollment of Kintoir amongst the number of free royal burghs in terms similar to the preceding acts.

Inrollment,
Invervrie, pro-
testatio Aber-
dein.

9. The burgh of Inverurie enrolled by the commissioners (under protest by the burgh of Abirdein), amongst the number of free royal burghs in terms similar to the preceding acts.

Inrollment,
Week.

10. The burgh of Week enrolled amongst the number of free royal burghs in terms similar to the preceding acts.

11 January 1661.

Staple goodis.

11. In presence of the comissioneris of the burrowis compeared Sir

William Thomson, thair generall clark, and presentit ane missive letter direct to him be Sir Patrick Drumond, conservatour, desyring him to acquaint the burrowis that he had speciall ordour frome the Kingis Maiestie to punisch all merchandis quho sould transport staple goodis by the staple port with confiscatione and wther punischments conforme to the actis of burrowis maid against transgressoris of the same, quhilk being red and considerit be the saidis burghis they recomend to each particular comissioner heir present to mak intimatione heirof to thair burghis at thair homecuming and to discharge thair merchandis frome transporting of any stapl comoditie by the staple port wndir the penalties contained in the actis of burrowis discharging the samyn.

EDINBURGH.
11 January
1661.
Staple goodis.

28 January 1661.

12. The present comissioneris of burrowis wndirstanding that thair is nothing so much advantagious to thair estait as the promoveing of tread within burghs, and that incuradgmentis sould be givin to merchandis and thair companies for that effect, thairfoir they recomend to Sir Alexander Wedderburne, provest of Glasgow, Air, Irving, Culros, and Caraill, to draw wp such overturis as they sall think most convenient to be presentit to the parliament for that effect, and if neid beis to call for the advyce of the most knowing merchandis of Edinburgh in the mater of tread or of advocatis or wtheris, and to doe everie thing relating to the good of the effairis of burrowis as they sall think expedient, and to report to the bodie.

Overturis
treading.

13. Appoyntis the provest of Pearth and Sir Alexander Wedderburne to meit with Sir Williame Thomsone and Williame Broun, agent, anent the clearing of thair accomptis.

Accomptis.

29 January 1661.

14. The present comissioneris of burrowis being informed that the lordis and wtheris comissioneris of exceise wer of intentione to impos oathis wpon the merchandis anent the quantitie of merchandize imported be tham, which they conceave to be of most dangerous consequence not onlie to mens consciences but as they conceive of all probabilitie most prejudiciall to his Majesties service, [appointed a committee to make

Merchandis,
oathis of goods
importit.

EDINBURGH.
29 January
1661.

Overturis,
treading, etc.

application to the commissioners of excise for obviating the imposing of such oaths.]

15. The present comissioneris of burrowis haveing sein ane paper of overtures formerlie presentit be John Bell, provest of Glasgow, to ane particular comittie, and now red in thair audience, relating to the matter of tread, fisching, manufactories, schiping, mint, and companies of marchantis, quhair of they doe approve, and thairfoir think fitt the samyn be presentit to the lordis and wtheris of the comissioun for tread that thair approbatioun may be had thairto, without prejudice to thame to add thairto or alter anything thairin as they sall think expedient efter farder consideratione had in the bussienes.

31 January 1661.

Supplica-
tiounis,
Anstruthers
Eister and
Wester,
Carail and
Kilrennie.

16. Anent the reference maid be the parliament to the generall conventione of burrowis of severall supplicationes presentit to thame be the burghis of Anstruther Eister and Wester, Carail and Kilrennie, desyring that thair burghis may be exempted for some tyme of payment of ces or any wther publict burdingis wntill such tyme as it sould pleas the Lord to put them in capacitie to pay the saidis burthingis with the rest of the burrowis which wes occasioned be the Inglisch plundering of thair burghis and away taking of thair whol schippis and barkis and boatis, the meanes of thair subsistence, the present comissioneris of burrowis recomendis to the burghis of Abirdein, Innernes, St Androis and Dysart to consider wpon thair said supplicationis, and to report thair opinion thairto to the bodie of the burrowis.

Complaint,
toun clerk of
Jedburgh,
contra magis-
tratis.

17. Anent another supplicatione presentit [by Robert Rutherford, town clerk of Jedburgh, representing that contrary to the 5th act of this convention a majority of the magistrates and council of Jedburgh had deprived him of his office and ordered him to deliver up the records and papers,] the present comissioneris of burghis haveing considerit the samyne and finding that ane pairt of the magistratis and counsall of the said burgh had vilependit thair ordour in thair procedour in the said bussienes, and thairfoir have thoct fit that the said Robert Rutherford sall continow in the exercise of his place of comoun clarkschip within the said burgh of Jedburgh, and sall reteane in his custodie the wholl

paperis, registeris, and recordis belonging to the said burgh wntill both pairties be heard befor thame and thair determinatione givin in the said mater; and thairfor ordanis [both parties to be cited to appear and be heard before them on 1st March next for composing of differences.]

EDINBURGH.
31 January
1661.

Complaint,
toun clerk of
Jedburgh
contra magis-
tratis.

8 February 1661.

18. With reference to the difference between the magistrates and merchants of Monros as to elections, there was submittit and registered a commission by the magistrates to three persons empowering them to compose matters. The commissioners gave the magistrates till Tuesday next to give in what they have to say, and in the meantime recommended the parties to come to an amicable agreement.

Monros.

19. Ordained the clerk to cite all the factors in Campheir to next general convention, to find caution of new, and particularly to cite Richard Weir to answer to a complaint against him.

Factors in
Campheir.

20. The commissioners, "conceiving that thair effairis now in hand at this present parliament will requyr some considerable debursmentis," ordained the agent to borrow £100 sterling to be disbursed for promoting the affairs of the burghs; "and continewis the agent his supplicatione for ane gratuitie for his bygaine paines and for establishing ane casch for doeing thair effairis, with this present act, to be ane heid of the nixt missive."

Agent to
borrow £100
sterling.

16 February 1661.

21. In terms of a supplication on behalf of the provost, bailies, council, and merchants of the burgh of Dumfreis, for the establishment of a guildry in that burgh, the commissioners directed that the deacon convener of the trades should be cited to the general convention at Aberdein in July next to hear and see the guildry established, or to allege reasonable cause in the contrary.

Supplicatione,
guildrie, Dum-
freis.

22. The present comissioneris of burrowis haveing resaued ane supplicatione presentit be the marchantis of Monros to the comissioneris for articles, and thairefter to the honorabill court of parliament, anent the difference betuixt thame and thair present magistratis and counsall anent the constitutione of the deaconrie within thair burgh, with tuo references, ane fra the saidis comissioneris for articles and another frome the hie court of parliament to tham wpon the end thair of, desyring the saidis comissioneris of burrowis to give thair opinion quhat salbe the fittest way to compose the said difference if thair mediation with both pairties could

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Monros.

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Report anent
Munros.

not effectuat the samyne, whilkis references being takine in consideratione be the saidis borrowis and efter som tyme spent be thame with the saidis pairtes for ane freindlie agreement bot to no purpose, thairfoir they did appoint the burghis of Edinburgh, Pearth, Dundie, Abirdein, Stirling, Linlithgow, Glasgow, Air, Arbroath, with Sir Alexander Wedderburne and Sir William Thomson, to draw wp thair opinion anent the composing of the said difference which wes accordinglie done by thame and red in presence of the burrowis, and quhairof they did approve and ordained the samyn to be presentit to the honorabill court of parliament and to be insert in thair generall register, quhairof the tenour followis :—At Edinburgh the fyftein day of Februar j^m vj^c and threescoir ane yearis, the comissioneris of burrowis taking to thair consideration ane paper intitulat To his Maiesties comissioneris, the humbl petitione of Robert Tailyeour, Robert Reynold, Hercules and George Smythis, merchandis in Munros, for our selves and in name and behalf of the marchantis and inhabitantis of the said burgh ; together with tuo references, the one of the comissioneris for articles, the wther of the honorabill estaites of parliament thairwpon ; and haveing first endevoured ane amicabl agreement, thairefter heard the allegationes of pairtis thairin interessed at great lenth, and haveing seriouslie debaitit the samyne, thair humbl opinione concerning the whole mater is that the differences and disordouris anent the election of magistratis within the said burgh did arys efter the year 1655, by some innovationis intrudit in the election of deykis of craftis to have woyce in leiting and electione of magistratis never formerlie practeised nor authorized in that burgh, quhairby the saidis differences and disordouris doe continew to this day notwithstanding of the severall petitionis and addressis maid be the marchantis to the comissioneris of burrowis frome tyme to tyme, and that the best remedie they can think wpon is that thos personis who wer magistratis and counsellouris in anno 1655 may be with all convenience restored and reponed to thair respectiue offices and places which they injoyed and exercesed the said year, dischairgeing all deykis of craftis that wer not authorized befor the said innovatiune of all exercesing thair pretendit office of deaconrie, with this proviso that the actis and comissionis emittit be the respectiue magistratis and counsall since that tyme may stand nevertheles in full force and effect, excepting sua farr as the samyn relaitis to the innovatiune affairsaid, and becaus

severall of thes personis then in place have since that tyme depairtit this lyf it may be earnestlie recomendit to the personis now to be restored, with the remanent counsall, that withall tendernes and cair they mak choise of the most sober, discreit, and faithfull personis within the burgh for filling wp thair places waicand, whairby richteous judgment and peace may be preserved in the samyn conforme to thair chartouris and just richtis ; which report being red and approvin as said is the samyn wes presentit to the hie court of parliament and ratified and innacted be them to stand in force and effect in tyme cuming.

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Monros.

15 March 1661.

23. Granted exemption to the burgh of Rothesay from attending conventions of burghs for the space of three years, on the usual conditions.

Exemptione,
Rothesay.

24. The commissioners having received a letter from the magistrates of Jedburgh in "relatione to thair procedor anent the deprivatione of thair comoun clark, conteneing some reasonis for the samyn," and the clerk not having appeared as required by the 17th act of this convention, they agreed "they wold medle no farder in the bussienes" but if the clerk had any complaint it might be made to next general convention.

Jedburgh,
clark.

20 March 1661.

25. Anent the supplicatione presentit to the burrowis be the commissioner of the burgh of Selkirk declairing that thair wes ane milne belonging to thair burgh called the Burne milne, with dames, entrie, and wattir gait and wther comodities requisit, which milne is altogither vsles to the said burgh and bringis no benefeit into thair comoun good, and seing the said burgh hes wther good sufficient milnes belonging to thame standing wpon the wattir of Etterick, and seing they had maid venditione and alienatione of the samyn milne to the laird of Hayning to thair sein advantag, thairfoir that the comissioneris of burrowis wold consent, approve and authorize the said venditione, as the said supplication at moir lenth bearis ; the present comissioneris haveing considered the said supplication and being informed of the advantageousnes of the said bargain by the comissioneris frome the burghis of Jedburgh and Peibles, thair nychtbouring burghis, thairfoir they consent, ratifie, and approve the said vendition and alienation and all that hes followit or may follow

Selkirk, comon
milne.

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thairwpon, provyding the money resaved for the said milne be employed for the weall and vtilitie of the said burgh, and that they report thair diligence heiranent to the nixt generall conventione.

5 April 1661.

Leischman,
factor.

26. Remitted to next general convention a supplication by Walter Leischman to be admitted a factor at Campheir.

Letter, Earle
of Lauderdale.

27. The commissioners appointed Sir Alexander Wedderburne and Sir William Thomson to draw up an answer to a letter from the Earle of Lauderdale, which being read was approved of.

Commissioner
of Nairne to
depart.

28. The commissioner of Nairne having represented "the said conditione of his children and wtheris of his effairis at home occasioned through the present decease of his wyff," granted licence to him to depart from this convention.

6 April 1661.

Act of parlia-
ment for estab-
lishing his Ma-
jesties autho-
ritie.

29. The present comissioneris of borrowis taking to thair considera-
tione how much it may conduce to the happines of the royall burrowis to
give obedience to the actis of parliament now maid for establisching his
Majesties autoritie, hes thairfoir statut and ordained that the act of
parliament maid the 27 of Februar last be insert in thair generall regis-
ter and the burrowis acquainted thairwith by thair clark by ane article
of thair missive, and be requyrit to give ane accompt of thair obedience
thairto to the nixt generall conventione, quhairof the tenour followis :—
At Edinburgh the 27 of Februar j^m vj^c threescoir ane yeiris. Our Sowe-
rane Lord being trewlie sensibl of the many sufferingis and sad confusion
that his duetiefull and loyall subjectes have bein brocht vndir during
thes trubles, and being desyrous that his royall government in its due
administratioun may be refresching and comfortabl to thame, and con-
ceaving it necessar foir that end and for the honour and advancement of
his owin service, the weillfair and happines of his subjectis and the peace
and quyet of this kingdome that the places of publick trust, which be the
channell and conduitis by which his Majesties government is to be con-
veyed vnto his people, be supplied and exered be personis of knowin
integrite, abilities, and loyaltie, doe thairfoir declair that it is and wilbe
his Majesties royall cair that thos who, according to the undoubtit richt
of the croun, he hes or sall think fytt to call to his counsell or any

publict imploymentis salbe so qualefied, and that for the full satisfactione of all his good subjectis and for removeing any scruples or jealousies can aryse wpon this accompt, they sall befor the admittance to or exerceise of any such trust give such publict testamonie of thair dewtie and loyaltie as may evidence to the world they ar such as the kingdome and all honest men and good subjectes may confyd into, and thairfoir the Kingis Majestie, with advyce and consent of his estaitis of parliament, doth statut and ordaine that all and quhatsoever persone or persones who ar or salbe nominat be his Majestie to be his officiaris of estait, of his privie counsall, session, or exchequer, justice generall, admirall, shereffis, comissaris, or thair deputis, clarkis, and all magistratis and counsall of royall burrowis, at thair admission to thair severall offices and befor they offer to exerce the same, sall tak and suear the oath of alledgance heirvnto subjoynd, and also that all wther personis who salbe requyrit be his Majesties privie counsall, or any haveing autoritie frome thame, salbe obliged to tak and suear the same. And seing all the trubles and miseries that bath overspread this kingdome and almost destroyed all religious and civill, all publict and privat interestis, those twentie yeiris bygane and wpwardis, have aysen and sprung from these invasionis that haue bein mad wpon and contemptis done to the royall autoritie and prerogative of the croun, his Majestie conceaves himself obligeit both for his owin royall interest and for the publict interest and peace of his people to be cairful to prevent the lik for the futur, and thairfoir his Majestie, with advyce foirsaid, statutis and ordaines that all persones who ar or schalbe called to any publict trust as said is, sall, besyd the taking of the aith of alledgance, be oblidge befor they enter to thair offices and trustis to assert wndir thair hand wryting his Majesties royall prerogative as it is exprest in the actis past in this present parliament, and in the maner heirvnto subjoynd ; certifieing such as being requyred sall refus or delay to take the aith of alleagiance they sall not onlie thairby render themselves vncapable of any publict trust bot be lookit wpon as persones disaffectit to his Majesties autoritie and government, and such as sall refus or delay to assert his Majesties prerogative in maner wudirwrittine sall frome henceforth be vncapable of any publict trust within the kingdome.

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—
Act of parliament for establishing his Majesties autoritie.

Followes the Aith of Allegiance :—

I, B., for testificatione of my faithfull obedience to my most gracious

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and redoubted Soverane Charles, King of Great Britain, France, and Irland, Defender of the Faith, etc., affirme, testifie, and declair by this my solemne oath that I acknowledg my said Soveraigne onlie supream governour of this kingdome over all persones and in all causes, and that no forrayne prince, powar, state or persone, civill or ecclesiasticall, hath any jurisdictione, powar, or superioritie ower the samyn, and thairfoir I doe vtterlie renunce and forsaike all foraigne powar, jurisdictionis, and authorities, and sall at my wtermost powar defend assist and manteane his Majesties jurisdiction afoirsaid and schall never declayne his Majesties jurisdictione and powar, as I sall ansuer to God.

The acknowledgment of his Majesties prerogative :—Forasmuch as the estaitis of parliament of this kingdome be thair severall actis of the 11, 16 and 25 of Januar last, haue from the sence of thair humbl dewitie and in recognisance of his Majesties just richt declaired that it is ane inherent priviledg of the croun, and ane wndoubtit pairt of the royall prerogative of the kingis of this kingdome, to have the sole choyse and appoyntment of the officiaris of estait, privie counsallouris, and lordis of session, that the powar of calling, holding, and dissolveing of parliaments and all conventions and meittings of estaitis does solly reside in the Kingis Majestie, his airis and successouris, and that as no parliament can be lawfullie keipit without the speciall warrant and presence of the Kingis Majestie or his comissioner, so no actis nor statutus to be past in any parliament can be binding on the people or have the authoritie and force of lawis without the speciall approbatioun of his Majestic or his comissioner interponit thairto at the making thairof; that the powar of armes, making of peace and warr, and making of treaties and leagues with foraigne princes or staites or at home be the subjectis amongst thamselves, doeth properlie reside in his Majestic his airis and successouris and is thair wndoubted right and thairis alon, and that it is hie treason in the subjectes of this kingdome or any number of tham wpon whatsoever ground to rys or continow in armes to manteane any fortis, garisones, or strengthis, to mak peace or warr, or to mak any treaties or leagues with forrainers or among thamselues without his Majesties authoritie first interponed thairto, that it is wnlawfull to the subjectis of whatsoever qualitie or function to convocat, conveyn, or assembl themselves for holding of counsall, conventions or assemblies, to treat, consult

and determine in any mater of stait, civill or ecclesiastick, except in the ordinar judgments, or to make leagues or bandis wpon quhatsoever cullor or pretence without his Majesties speciall consent and aprobatone had thairwnto, that the league and covenant and all treaties following thairwpon, and all actis or deidies that does or may relait thairto ar not obligatorie nor doe inferr any obligatione wpon this kingdome or the subjectes thairto to medle or interpose by armes or any seditious way in any thing concerning the religione or government of the churches in England or Irland or in quhat may concerne the administratioun of his Majesties government thair, and that nane of his Majesties subjectis sould presume wpon any pretext of any authoritie whatsoever to requyr the renewing or suearing of the said league and covenant or of any wther covenantis or publict oathes concerning the government of the church or kingdome, and that nane offer to renew or swear the samyn without his Majesties speciall warrant and approbatone; and I being called to the office and place of . . . doe, conforme to ane act of parliament of the 27 of February, declare that I doe with all humbl duetie acknowledg his Majesties royall prerogative, right, and powar in all the particularis, and in the maner affair mentionat, and I give heartilie my consent thairto be thir presents, subscriuit be me.

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12 April 1661.

30. Compeared Sir Robert Murray, provest of the burgh of Edinburgh, and moderatour of the convention of burrowis, and declared that thair being ane act passing in this present parliament in favouris of justices of peace which he conceived might inroach wpon the priviledges of burrowis who ar justices of peace within thair owin boundis and liberties, that thairfor he in the name of the haill burrowis had dissasentit thairfra and did protest that the samyn sould be without prejudice of the just richt and priviledg of burrowis thair richt to the office of justiciarie within thair boundis and priviledgis and thairwpon tuik instrumentis, quhich report the saidis comissioneris of burrowis did vnanimouslie approve.

Dissasent, justices of peace.

31. Ordained the burghs to pay their shares of the agent's disbursements amounting to £1421, 4s. 8d. Scots, and of £80 allowed the macers.

Agentis accomptis.

EDINBURGH.
11 May 1661.

Adjurning of
the generall
convention.

11 May 1661.

32. The commissioners, "in respect of the long sitting of the parliament which is yit lyk to continew for a long tyme," adjourned the holding of the next general convention to the first Tuesday of July 1662.

27 May 1661.

Minister at
Campheir.

33. The commissioners, at the desire of Mr Thomas Moubray, minister of the kirk at Campheir, ratified and approved of his call and admission to the said charge, and granted to him during their pleasure and his faithful service the imposts, etc., enjoyed by his predecessors conform to the following table, viz. :—
"Imprimis, the sowme of tuelve stivers, thrie doytis, Fleymes money, to be payit be the marchant of ilk sect of goodis pertaining to him or be his factor in his name, and four stiveris and ane doit, Flemyes money, be the skipper and owneris of the schipp of ilk seck arryving at the said staple ; item, of ilk marchand that sall happin to arryve thair not haueing ane sect of goodis, threttie stiveris ilk voyage ; item, of ilk hundreth coallis arryveing thair, nyn stiveris ; item, of ilk schipp loadnit with corne, nyne gudlingis, quhairof sex to be payit be the marchant and three be the skipper ; item, of ilk schip arryving within the Yll although frauchtit be any stranger and cuming frome forayne pairtis, ten schillingis great ; item, of ilk seck of goodis that any factor sall happin to resaw, aucht stivers tua doitis Fleymes money ; item, of ilk seck of goodis arryveing at the said port quhairvnto thair is no factor imployed, aucht stiveris tua doitis, to be payit be the marchant by and attover his other dewis."

1 June 1661.

Order anent
oath of
allegiance.

34. The present comissioneris of burrowis haue resaued ane ordour frome the parliament ordaining the oath of alledgiance to be takin and the act for the royall prerogative to be signed be all magistratis and counsall within burgh at thair first meiting, quhilk they ordaine to be insert and registrat in thair generall register, quhairof the tennour followis :—Edinburgh the 30 of May 1661. The lord comissioner and estaitis of parliament ordaines the oath of alledgiance to be takine and the act for the royall prerogative to be signed be all magistratis and counsall within burgh at thair first meiting efter sight heirof, and recommendis to all magistratis to sie it done, and particularlie that the provest of Edinburgh sie it furthwith done be the magistratis and councill of Edinburgh, and if any sall refuis or delay the samyn that they be re-

moved from publick trust and ane accompt of thair names to be returned to the parliament. And ordaines ane extract heirof to be givin to each burgh who sall requyre the samyne, and ilk burgh to report thair dilligence in givinge readie obedience thairto to the nixt generall convention.

EDINBURGH.
1 June 1661.

Order anent
oath of
allegiance.

35. Ordained the burghs to pay their shares of the agent's disbursements amounting to £2,280, 17s. 4d.

Agentis
comptis.

36. Compeared the commissioner for the burgh of Dumfreis and presentit ane letter direct from the magistratis and counsell of the said burgh direct to the comissioneris of burrowis makand mention that for obedience of the act of parliament of the 27 of Februar last and thair act of burrowis of the 6 of Apryll relating thairto, requyring the magistratis and counsall of thair burgh forthwith to tak the oath of alledgiance and subscrivye the acknowledgment of his Majesties prerogative as it is assertit by the parliament, and that the provest did call thair counsall togither wpon the nyn of Appryll last when the oath and acknowledgment being red wes by some few accepted and by the most pairt refused, quhairwpon ane new meiting wes appoyntit the nixt day, being the 10th of the sail moneth, whan some of the refuseris did wpon better consideratione give obedience, and at the thrid meiting of the counsall, being the 11th of the said moneth, some moir did tak the oath and signe the acknowledgment foirsaid, but wes yit refused by tuo of the baillies and divers counsalleris, quhairwpon they apointed the 15 of the said moneth for making new election of wtheris to supplie the refuisaris places which accordinglie wes done according to the burrowis ordour and constitutione of the burgh; which letter being red in presence of the saidis comissioneris of burrowis they did all approve thairto and of thair new electione of wtheris in thair places refusing.

Diligence,
Dumfries,
anent the oath
of allegiance.

37. Approved of the admission of Walter Leischman to be a factor for the nation at Campheir on the usual conditions.

Leishman,
factor.

12 July 1661.

38. Anent the supplication presentit to the burrowis be the merchandis of Edinburgh resorting to publick mercatis within this kingdome

Supplication,
Edinburgh,
mercatis.

EDINBURGH.
12 July 1661.

Supplication,
Edinburgh,
mercatis.

complaining that the magistratis of the burghis of Cupar, Dumfermling, Linlithgow, and Inverkeything, does much prejudg thaim in thair mercatis by imprisoning thaim and fying thaim, alledging thair elvandis quhairwith they buy the cuntrey cloath to be fals; for remeid quhair of the comissioneris of burrowis have statut and ordainit that the abonenamit burghis and all wther burghis and willages quhair thes publict mercatis ar keipit sall furnisch the saidis merchandis with sufficient elvandis that they wilbe ansuerabl for, wpon the raitis that Lanrick, Rutherglen and wtheris furnishes merchandis resorting thither, and ilk burgh to report thair dilligence heiranent to the nixt generall convention wndir the paine of 20 lib.

Disburse-
ments.

39. Ordained the agent to pay to Thomas Sydserf for his good service "by affording vnto thame frequent intelligence" £30 sterling; to Andrew Moncur, post, £5 sterling for his loss and extraordinary attendance; with £112 Scots disbursed by the agent since fitting his last accounts; making in all £2829 which the burghs were ordained to pay.

EDINBURGH.
16 September
1661.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Edward Edgar, James Borthwick; Abirdein, Mr Robert Petrie; Glasgow, John Bell; Air, William Cunynghame; Haddingtoun, William Seatoun; Dumbar, James Lauder; Irving, Allan Dunlop; Pearth, Dundie, Stirling, Linlithgow, St Androis, Kirkcaldie, Bruntilland, Culros and Queinsferrie (*blank*).

[*There are no acts of this convention recorded.*]

EDINBURGH.
13 November
1661.
Commissioners.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Edward Edgar, John Smyth; Pearth, Andrew Grant; Dundie, Sir Alexander Wedderburne; Abirdein, Mr Robert Petrie; Linlithgow, George Bell; Glasgow, Colin Campbell; Haddingtoun, William Seatoun; Monros, Robert Tailyeour; Inernes, Alexander Dumbar; Bruntland, David Seatoun; Queinsferrie, Archibald Wilsone; Stirling, St Androis, Air, Irving, Jedburgh, Dumfermling, Dumbartane, Dumbar, Carail and Culros, (*blank*).

13 November 1661.

EDINBURGH.
13 November
1661.
Moderator.

1. Edward Edgar, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

20 November 1661.

2. The comissioneris of burrowis taking to thair consideratione the missive quhairwpon they wer called anent the vacancie of the place of the conservatour of the priviledgis in the Natherlandis how necessar it is for thame to haue that place filled with ane abl and qualefied persone who may be lyable to such rules and ordouris as the former conservatour hes subjected thamselves by the burrowis actis, and for thair beter informatione anent the nominatione of the persone, they haveing pervsed thair ancient recordis and actis they did find thair had beine various debaitis and contestis anent the nominatione of the persone to exerceis the said place; and now being all convinced of the tender cair and fatherlie affection his sacred Maiestie our most gracious King hes caried to his royall burrowis, have thairfoir resolved to leave the nominatione of the persone for the exerceis of the said office to his Maiestie, reserving to thamselves thair richtis for the futur to nominat as they sall sie caus, and for this effect that ane letter be wreatin to the Earle of Lauderdale to acquaint his Maiestie heirwith, and to beseach his Maiestie in our names that quhen anie persone salbe nominat he may be mad lyabl to appear at ane conventione of burrowis and subscrivve to such actis and ordouris as Sir Patrick Drummond or wther conservatour hes done.

3. The burrowis haueing heard by letteris from the Earle of Lauderdale that his Maiestie had beine to grant ane gracious dispensatione of the act of the parliament of Ingland anent navigatione in fauouris of his subjectis of Scotland; as also had of lait been informed that thair hes bein addresses maid by the fermoraris of the customes of Ingland, desyring that the foirsaid dispensatione micht be takin of and discharged, which will tend (if granted) to the vtter ruine and decay of schipping of this kingdome, thairfoir did all agree that applicatione sould be maid to the lordis of his Maiesties secret counsall at thair first meiting and humblie to intreat thair lordships wold be pleased to wreat to the Kingis Maiestie that the subjectes of this his ancient kingdome may enjoy all the priviledges they have enjoyed in England since the act of *post nati* emitted

Conservator.

Scotis schipping
in England.

EDINBURGH.
20 November
1661.

Scotis schiping
in England.

Letter to the
Kingis Ma-
jesty.

Sallarie, Earl
Lauderdaill,
Sir Peter Wed-
derburne.

by King James the 6 of blessed memorie, and, lastlie, that the comissioners foirsaidis resolved and ordered that letteris sould be writtin and subscriyvit be thair moderatour to the Earles of Craufurd, Lauderdaill, and Midiltoun entreating for thair concurrence in the said matter.

4. The lords of secret council having graciously agreed to write a letter, as desired by the preceding act, the commissioners ordained the burgh of Edinburgh and their clerk to attend to the speedy despatch thereof.

5. The present comissioneris of burrowis taking to thair consideratione the great services done to thair estait by the nobl and potent earle the Earle of Lauderdaill, his Maiesties Secretarie, especiallie in his cair taikin of lait to preyvent the ramversing and nulling of ane lat act of his gracious Maiestie and counsall of England in fauouris of the merchandis and seafairing men of Scotland by which they are declaired to have ane lyk freedome of tread with thes of the English natione, notwithstanding of ane act of the last sessioun of the parliament of England debarring them from that libertie and to be esteemed as Dutch and wther strangeris, as lykwys his lordships cair in the mater of the conservatour and seuerall wther particularis, all which ar yit in agitatione ; lykas the saidis comissioneris taking to consideratione the great paines and trubl susteained by Sir Peter Wedderburne, clark to his Maiesties privie counsall, at the tyme of his being at London in June and July last, in prosecuting the said bussienes of tread and navigatione befor the counsall of England, his frameing of petitiones and reasonis to that effect, and for prosecuting the bussienes of coall and salt ; and the saidis comissioneris considering that in the generall conventione hauldin at Edinburgh in November 1660 they had allowed the said nobl earle ane yeirlye gratuitie of tua thousand merkis for his attendance in thair effairis at court, quhairof no pairt hes bein as yit payed nor advanced, [they ordained the agent to borrow money and pay to the Earl of Lauderdaill 4000 merks for two years' salary, and to Sir Peter Wedderburne 900 merks.]

Letters and
papers con-
cerning tread.

6. The commissioners, not having time to stay in town till the petition to the privy council for interponing with his Majesty in the matter of trade and navigation, and the letters to be sent to the Earls of Lauderdaill, Craufurd, and Midletoun are registered in their books, ordained the moderator to subscribe the letters, and thereafter all the papers to be entered on the register.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
8 January
1662.

Edinburgh, Edward Edgar, Johne Smyth ; Stirling, Robert Russell ;
Lithgow, Robert Stewart ; Glasgow, James Poog ; Haddingtoun, John
Sleigh ; Kirkcaldie, Henry Boswell ; Dumfermling, Peter Walker ;
Culros, Alexander Bruce ; Quensferrie, Archibald Wilson ; Dundie, St
Androis, Dysart, Bruntilland, Innerkeything, Kinghorne, Dumber and
Carail (*blank*).
Commissioners.

8 January 1662.

1. Edward Edgar, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator. Moderator.

10 January 1662.

2. The present comissioneris taking to thair consideratione the
burgh of Linlithgowis grivance anent the pretendit signatur presentit to
the Kingis most excellent Maiestie for errecting of the willage of Bur-
rowstounes in a royall burgh which continewallie in all tyme past hes
bein wmdir the powar, boundis, and jurisdictione of the said burgh of
Lithgow ; and the saidis comissioneris haveing called for, sein, and con-
siderit the lait and ancient evidentis of thair said nyctbour burgh of
Lithgow, particularlie thair last ratificatione in the first sessione of this
current parliament, qubairby they ar of old errectit by his Maiesties most
nobl progenitouris in a free burgh royall past memorie of man, with sole
libertie of tread, they and no wther, within the whole boundis of the
sheriffdome of Lithgow between the mouth of the wateris of Amond and
Aven, and finding that if such a preparative sould not be preveaned and
legallie oposed the samyn will redound to the vniversall detriment of the
whole burrowis generall, thairfoir the saidis comissioneris findis this a
bussienes of werie great importance and of generall concernment to the
whole burrowis, and that it is most necessar for the whole royall burrowis
vnanimouslie to concurr with the said burgh of Lithgow, thair doaris and
agentis, in thair just defence and persuit relating to thair saidis liberties
befoir any judicatorie within this natione, as also be supplicatione or
wther humbl adres quhatsoever to mediat with or petitione his sacred
Linlithgow
against erec-
tion of Borrow-
stounes into a
burgh.

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against erec-
tion of Borrow-
stounes into a
burgh.

Maiestie not to grant, or if grantit to recall any such gift or signature in favouris of the said willage of Burrowstounes or to stop any farder progres thairin wntill the parties concerned be heard, and to do everie wther thing for countenanceing the said bussienes as accordis of the law, recommending to the present comissioneris as they salbe requyred according to thair powar to concurr with and assist tham till the generall conventione of burrowis sall meat, to quhom this bussienes is by ws seriouslie recomendit as ane mater of great and generall concernment to thame all.

The present comissioneris ordaines the mater concerning Lithgow to be added to the present missive to be sent for this ensueing generall conventione.

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25 February
1662.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Commissioners.

Edinburgh, Sir Robert Murray, Edward Edgar, Patrick Borthwick ; Abirdein, Mr Robert Petrie ; Stirling, James Stewinsone ; Linlithgow, Andro Glen ; St Androis, Androw Carstairs ; Glasgow, Coleine Campbell ; Air, William Cuninghame by his missive letter and comissione ; Haddingtoun, William Seatoun ; Kirkcaldie, Henry Boswell ; Bruntland, David Seatoun ; Kinghorne, John Bruce ; Jedburgh, John Rutherfoord ; Kirkcudbright, John Ewart ; Wigtoun, Hew Kineir ; Dumfermling, William Walker ; Dumbartan, Mr Donald M'Capie ; Dumbar, William Wood ; Culros, Alexander Bruce ; Bamffe, Robert Hamiltoun ; Queinsferrie, Archibald Wilsone. [No commissioners from the other thirty-seven burghs.]

25 February 1662.

Moderator.

1. Sir Robert Murray, provost, and first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

26 February 1662.

Ratification.

2. Ratified the 5th act of last particular convention.

Ayr.

3. Accepted excuse for absence of the commissioner of Ayr, he obliging himself and that burgh to ratify all acts and to pay the dues.

27 February 1662.

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1662.

4. The present comissioneris of burrowis haveing sein ane letter frome Sir William Davidson, conservatour of the Scotis priviledgis in the Law Cuntries, with the copie of his gift thair of granted be the Kingis Maiestie to him, with divers wtheris paperis in relatione to his said office, quhair of the present comissioneris does at present approve and allow, and thairwpon does ordaine ane congratulatorie letter to be drawn wp be thair clark and subscriuit be the haill comissioneris present to be sent to the said Sir William congratulating the good fortun of the burrowis that it hath pleased his gracious Maiestie to pitch wpon so eminent a persone and ane so nearlie concerned in the burrowis iuterestis to be thair conservatour of thair priviledges at ther stapl port, and recomendis to the deanis of gild of Abirdein and Linlithgow to draw wp ane paper of the abussis comittit at and against ther priviledges at the said stapl port, and the samyn to be inclosed in the said letter to be sent be thair clark to the said conservatour with all dilligence.

Conservator,
abussis against
priviledgis.

5. Appointed next general convention to be held at Aberdein on the first Tuesday of July 1663 in place of July next, "in respect of the adjourning of the parliament wntill the 8th day of May next and being wncertan how long the samyn sall sit."

Adjourning
general con-
vention.

28 February 1662.

6. Ordained eight of the burghs to meet at Edinburgh on the first Tuesday of May next to consider the difference between the provost and the merchants of Jedburgh.

7. The commissioners taking into consideration the proposal to erect Burrowstounes into a free royal burgh, as mentioned in the 2d act of last particular convention, "they have thought it fit and incumbent to thame to owin the bussienes as ane comoune interest, lykas they heirby doe owin the samyne and recomendis the stoping of the signatour of the said village of Burrowstounes to be one of thair instructionis to be sent to Sir Robert Murray, thair agent at court." They also instructed the agent to concur with Linlithgow in prosecuting the business in the law courts, and to advance 2000 merks towards expenses.

Signatour of
Burrow-
stounes.

8. The present comissioneris of burrowis appointis the burghs of Edinburgh, [and sixteen other burghs,] or any fyve of thame to be a quorum, to meet at Edinburgh wpon all occasiounes quhen they ar called,

Burrowis,
agent at court.

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Burrowis,
agent at court.

Burgessis
partners with
unfreemen.

Dumfermling,
election, mer-
cats.

to keep correspondence with Sir Robert Murray, lord hie justice clark of this kingdome, whome they have nominat to be thair agent at court in the mater of tread and navigatone and wtheris thair effairis, and to give and receave instructionis to and frome him as they sall sie occasione and to doe everie thing requisit.

9. The present comissioneris of burrowis considering the great prejudice the royall burrowis of this kingdome susteanes by taking pairtis of schippis or guidis with unfreemen leiving at vnfree places within this kingdome, notwithstanding of severall actis of burrowis discharginge the samyn wndir the paine of ane hundreth pundis and los of thair freedome, and in particular that act of burrowis maid at St Androis the 7th of July 1633 discharginge the samyn wndir the penalties abonewrittine, and thairfoir ordaines the said act and all wther actis maid thairanent to stand in full force and vigour against the contraveineris thairof, and doe hereby ratife and approve the samyn in the haill heidis, claussis, and conditionis thairof, and ordaines the magistratis of ilk royal burgh to caus thair burgessis obtemper and obey the samyn, and particularlie the magistratis of Edinburgh, Stirling, Linlithgow, Glasgow, Dumfermling, Culros and Quensferrie [to discharge their burgesses and guild brethren joining in partnership with the unfreemen of Burrowstounnes; and that existing parnerships with unfreemen be terminated by Whitsunday next].

10. The comissioneris taking to their serious consideratione the complaint givin in to thame by William Walker, comissioner for the burgh of Dumfermling, against the abussis comitted be the craftsmen of thair burgh in the matter of the electione of thair magistratis and counsall, who being equall in number with the merchandis at the electionis becomes sole electoris of magistratis and counsall thamselues, and in contempt of the saidis merchandis does elect magistratis in thair burgh not qualiefied for that charge, with severall wther inornities and disorderis comitted be them [appointed the commissioners of Edinburgh, Perth, Stirling, Linlithgow, Bruntilland, Culros, Quenisferrie and Innerkeything to meet at Dumfermling on the second Tuesday of April next] to endeavour a freindlie composing of the said bussienes, as also they recomend the complaint givin in be the merchandis of Edinburgh against the burgh of Dumfermling for injuries done to thame at thair comon mercatis to be takin in consideratione by thame and also ane remeid thairof endeavoured.

11. Appoyntis thair generall clark to wreat ane letter to the respec-
tue burghis quhair the comoun standertis of the natione ar keiped, and
particularlie to Stirling, Linlithgow and Lanrick, that each of them be
provyded thair of sufficientlie.

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Comon stan-
darts.

12. Anent the supplicatione presentit to the present comissioneris of
burrowis be the comissioner of Quensferrie desyring ane warrand frome
theme to sell ane peice of thair waist comoun ground which the night-
bouris renderis vsles to thame by casting of thair fuilzie thairon and put-
ting the said burgh to continuall trubl to mak cleane the samyn, the pre-
sent comissioneris of burrowis recommendis to the said burgh of Quens-
ferrie to improv the said peice of ground to thair best advantage.

Queinsferrie,
comon ground.

13. Unlawis the haille burrowis absent quha wer warnit to this present
conventione in the wnlaw of 20 lib. Scotis for thair absence.

Absent bur-
rowis.

14. Acceptis of Dundies excuis for not sending thair comissioner to Dundie.
attend this conventione in respect of thair comissioner his seiknes at his
away cuming.

15. The present comissioneris of burrowis taking to thair considera-
tione the great danger this kingdome, and particularlie the estait of
burrowis, lyes vndir give the act of the parliament of England anent
tread and navigatione sall stand in force, which by his gracious Maiestie
and his counsall wes suspendit in so far as relaited to his subjectis of
Scotland, and the said act of suspension by the earnest prosecutione of
the fermoreris of the customes in England againe rescindit, so as the said
act of tread is lik to stand in full force and be that means the tread and
navigatione of this kingdome will no doubt in a schort tyme be ruyned
and destroyed without some effectuall remeidie be provydit, and thairfor
find a necessitie of employing some persone of great abilities and fidelitie
to prosecut the said bussienes befor his Maiesties parliament of England
or wther pairties interessed, and finding no persone so qualefied and fit
for that purpos as Sir Robert Murray, lord hie justice clark, residing at
court, they haue vnanimouslie nominat and electit, lyk as they be thir
presentis nominatis and electis the said Sir Robert Murray, and to give
and grant unto him ane full and ampl comissione for prosecuting thair
interest in the said act of tread and navigatione or any wther particular
bussienes which they sall think fit to recomend to him by the instruc-
tiones to be sent to his lordship, which being allreadie scrolled and weived

Sir Robert
Murray, agent
at court.

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Sir Robert
Murray, agent
at court.

be the comissioneris ar heirby ordained with the comissione to be insert and registrat in thair register immediatelie efter the conclusiounne of this present convention . . . and the present comissioneris ordanis a missive letter to be wreatin and sent to thair said agent, subscrivit be the said provest and clark, intreating his lordship to accept of the said employment, and to assuir him that he sall not onlie be furnished with money for his expensis but salbe thankfullie and honorabillie payit for his paines.

29 February 1662.

Convention.

16. Ordained the burgh of Edinburgh to convene the whole burghs two days before the meeting of parliament "to consult wpon thair owin particular effairis that ane vniformitie may be keipit amongst themselues conform to former actis of burrowis."

Citatione
M'Kinlay.

17. In respect of the adjournment of the general convention, the clerk was instructed to cite the deacon convener of Dumfries, who had been warned thairto, to appear at Edinburgh on 8th May next.

EDINBURGH, 12 *March* 1662.

Instructionis
to agent at
court.

The comissioneris of burrowis conveyined in thair last conventione by thair 15th act of the said convention haveing nominat and electit Sir Robert Murray, knyght, lord justice clark of the kingdome of Scotland, to be thair agent at court for prosecuting thair interest anent the act of tread and navigation in England and wther thair particular effairis, and haveing sent ane comissione to him for that effect with severall instructiones relating thairto quhich by thair said act thay ordaine thair clark to insert and registrat in thair generall register, quhair of the tenour followis :—

THE COMMISSION.—Be it kend till all men be thes present letteris, ws, the comissioneris of the royall burrowis of Scotland, being conveyined heir at Edinburgh about our necessar effairis in relatione to our estait, and taking to our consideration that by the act of the parliament of England anent tread and navigation,* daitit the (*blank*) day of (*blank*) yeiris, our libertie of treading and navigatione grantit to ws by King James, of worthie memorie, at his entrie to the croun of England, [is likely to be destroyed and] as it is

* 12 Carl. II., cap. xviii. (1660).

most necessarie and convenient to imploy some faithfull and discreet persone to negotiat that and wther our lawfull effairis at his Maiesties court at Whyt-hall or elsquhair, and haveing good experience of the fidelitie, knowledg, and wther good qualificationis of Sir Robert Murray, knyght, lord justice clark of Scotland, now residing at court, thairfoir to have vnanimouslie nominated, electit, and chosen, lykas be thir presentis wee elect, nominat, and choise the said Sir Robert Murray to be our agent and to concurr with the nobl and potent lord the Earle of Lauderdale, his Maiesties secretarie for Scotland, in prosecuting our just interest in the matter of comerce and navigatione, with wther our just concernmentis, according to the instructionis heirwith sent or heirefter to be sent to him by us or be the burgh of Edinburgh in our names, and this comissione to continew duiring the pleasour of the generall conventione of burrowis, promissing to hold firme and stable quhatsomeuer our said agent does in the premissis. In witnes quhairof, etc.

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to agent at
court.

INSTRUCTIONIS from the comissioneris of the generall conventione, the 25 of February, at the burgh of Edinburgh, to Sir Robert Murray, knight, lord justice clark in Scotland, and agent or comissioner appointed for the royall burrowis to prosecut thair interest in the act of parliament in England anent tread and navigatione and wther particularis as they salbe recomendit to him frome the particular committee of burrowis appointed to corespond with his lordship.

Wee haue so long tyme found the act of parliament of England in relatione to tread and navigatione if it sould stand in force to be totallie distructive to the tread and navigatione of this kingdome, being reput na wther thairby then France, Holland, or wther forrane nationis, and wer much comforted in that his Maiestie, be the intercessione of the most honorabill the Earlis of Craufurd, Lyndsay, the Earle of Lauderdale, your self, and some good patriotis, wes pleased so farr to interes himself in the bussienes as to procurir frome the counsall of England ane suspensione of the said act of parliament in sua farr as it did extend to his peopl in Scotland, till a letter by some weill affected cuntreyman merchand residing at Londone befor the last sessione of the said parliament that the farmeris of his Maiesties customes in England had procured that act of counsall in our favouris to be rescindit, whairby wee stand at this present

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court.

in no wther conditione then Dutch and wther forragneris, but that wee find by a letter of the 21 of Decembar last frome the lord hie thesaurer, the Earle of Craufurd, directed to Sir William Bruce, clark to the billis, that he and my Lord Lauderdaill had had severall conferences with thos in power and trust in England as to that effair, whairin he representis to ws that thee monie objectiones and obstructiones whairwith wee haue thocht fit to acquaint yow *verbatim* with our sens and advyce to your lordships by way of ansuer thairwnto.

(1.) The first difficultie mentioned in his lordship's said letter is in the poynt of plantatione, exceidinglie stood wpon in respect of the great tread at present with the Barbadoes, and hopes of dryving a richer tread heirefter with all the Illandis, they intending to plant synomon, nutmegis, clenens, and peper, for they haue sent to the East Indies for all thes plantis, and they conceaue that if wee sall have any tread wee wilbe able to tak the tread frome thame, sailling our schippis cheaper, wee wilbe able still to undir sell thame and furnisch many places of Europe with the comodities of thes plantationis, so to get ane absolut free tread as they have is not to be imagined for they stand positivelie against it, but by privat discours wee conjectur wee may haue some allowance for some schippis not exceiding four or sex to serve Scotland, they finding suritie to goe no whair els but returne to Scotland, if this be got it is the most that is to be expectit.

Ansuer.

Wee haue not much in reason to say against the overture of having 4 or 6 schippis licenced for Scotland wndir the verie conditionis mentioned, onlie leveing to your lordships cair and discretione to augment the number of the licenced schippis and to diminisch thes restrictiones als farr as with convenience your lordships cair, or rather that the number of the schippis may be left to his Maiestie to determine as he sall sic caus wndir the restrictione abone specified.

(2.) The second objectione mentioned in the letteris for the poynt of shipping, the act of tread being for incurradgment of the building of schippis in England, and no Inglishman is allowed any wther schippis but Inglish built, and if we demand onlie for Scotis built schippis the difficultie wilbe the les, but they alledg the most pairt of ouris ar Hollandis built, so that wee may buy als many schippis as wee pleas and tak the whole tread frome thame, being abl to saill and hyr schippis

cheaper then they, so I think Scottis schippis wilbe absolutle grantit, but whither they will condescend yit to the wther or not I doe not know.

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to agent at
court.
Anser.

We think the act of parliament hes bein maid wpon good groundis to debarr schippis of wther nationis, of which number wee hopp they will not esteame ws, and wee think it not vnreasonable that we be restrictit to mak vs of no wther schippis but such as ar ather Scottis or Inglisch built, provydit alwaies that in respect in the yeiris 1650 and 1651, and thair-after, the Inglisch did sease wpon and tak the whole schippis of Scotland, great and small, so as the whole schippis now belonging to Scotland ar of ane verie inconsiderable value and number, thairfoir that all thes schippis of whatsomevir building they be of may be reported as Scotis buildit schippis, the last quhairof wilbe easilie found out frome the severall custome houssis of Scotland be wertew of the 44 act of the first sessioun of this parliament current, quhairby it is inactit that efter the foirsaid day of March ensueing, etc.

(3.) The thrid and great difficultie wilbe about the merchand tread for it is alledgit that wee ar abl to bring in all the wyne of France, Germanie, and Spaine, and especiallie of France, having priviledges thair at easier raitis then they ar able, as lykwys the comodities of the East Cuntries, and so have the whole went of all thes.

Wee think it verie strange how it can be imagined that merchandis in Scotland can possible bring in the wyne of France, Germanie and Spaine and the comodities of the East Cuntries at so easie ane rait be farr as the merchandis of England can, considdering our farr greater distance from these respective places than the Inglisch and that a great pairt of our stockis which wee most send abroad for importing of forragne comodities consistis of Inglisch manufactories which we most buy for our money and send abroad for thes returnis, and as to the pretendit priviledge in France wee know of no priviledg which now at present the Inglisch does not injoy, especiallie our schipping being restrictit according as is mentionat in the second article to which wee may sadlie add the penurie of money and our lamentabl povertie.

We sall not at present trubl yow with any farder inlairdgment anent the act of tread and navigatioun bot as occasione sall serve and as we sall resaeue advyce frome your lordship.

Ane thing moir wee have to recomend to you, that quhairas the

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magistratis of Linlithgow hes representit to ws that the Duke of Hamilton has procured or is in procuring a signatur from his Maiestie for erecting of the willage of Burrowstounes in a burgh royall, which cannot possiblie be done in any legall way, it being cleirly contrair to the manifold chartouris of the burgh of Linlithgow confirmed almost in all parliamentis, the erecting of which willage in a burgh royall wold wndoubtedlie in a verie schort tyme totallie ruyn and distroy that ancient burgh of Linlithgow, and thairfor your lordships cair wold be to stop the granting of any such signatur and give grantit to procur ane letter frome his Maiestie to the lordis of exchequer and wtheris civill judgis that the samyn pas not the seallis till both pairtis be hard in law according to thair richtis and evidentis. Wee ar necessitat to owin this bussienes as of ane publict and generall concernment, for if this sould pas wee know not ane burgh in Scotland that can be assured of the best richtis and priviledgis to tham grantit and confirmed in severall parliamentis.

EDINBURGH.
9 May 1662.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Sir Robert Murray, Edward Edgar, William Burnet; Pearth, Mr Johne Paterson; Dundie, Alexander Wedderburne; Abirdein, William Gray; Stirling, Duncan Nairne; Linlithgow, George Bell; St Androis, Androw Carstairs; Glasgow, Johne Bell; Air, William Cuninghame; Haddingtoun, William Seatoun; Dysart, William Sympsone; Coupar, Androw Patersone; Dumfreis, John Irving; Innernes, Alexander Cuthbert; Bruntilland, George Gardin; Jedburgh, Johne Rutherfordord; Dumfermling, James Moodie; Selkirk, Robert Elliot; Dumbartan, Walter Watstone; Dumbar, James Lauder; Lanrick, Patrick Bisset; Culros, Alexander Bruice; Rutherglen, Daud Spence; North Berwick, Adam Maxwell; Annan, Hew Sinclair; Lochmabein, John Hendersone; Quensferrie, Archibald Wilsone; Inverurie, William Fergusone; Weik, William M'Beath. [No commissioners from other thirty-four burghs.]

9 May 1662.

Moderator.

1. Sir Robert Murray, lord provost and first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

15 May 1662.

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15 May 1662.

2. Anent the 6 act of the last particular conventione of burrowis the 28 of February 1662 yeiris, anent the election of the magistratis and counsall of the burgh of Jedburgh at Michaelmas last, represented to the said last particular conventione of burrowis, the comissioneris haveing heard both pairties at great length, and have seriouslie debaitit the particularis contravertit, found that by reasone of the long trubles of this kindome many of the laudabl actis and customes of burrowis ar run in disuetud and quyt altered from the first institutione, to the great prejudice of the estait of the burrowis, in consideratione quhairof they find it most convenient at this tyme to mak no alteratione at present of thair last electione bot that the said last electioun sall continew and be ratefied and approvine, and for preventing any complaint for the futur, and that the said burgh may injoy equall freidome and electione of thair old and new counsall, listing of thair magistratis, dein of gild, and thesaurer, and ane free electioun to be maid furth thair of, thairfor the saidis comissioneris ordaines that they sall in all tyme to cum keip inviolablie all actis of parliament and borrowis in all thair electionis, and particularlie that ane ordourlie and decent way may be keipit first by making formall leit is at leist of ane doubl number of the most qualefied and fit persone to be of the new counsall, to quhich leit is any member of the counsall may according to his knowledg and discretioun add any such persone as he in his conscience thinkis fit for the counsall, out of which leit is the electouris in ane orderlie and decent way to give thair particular woices for ilk persone to be electit, to be ane rull and ground of electioun of the said severall office beareris, quhairby ane richt harmonie and concord may be keipit in the said burgh; and that the burghis of Haddingtoun, Dumbar, Lauder, Selkirk and Peibles repair to the said burgh of Jedburgh at the tyme of thair nixt electioun to sie this put in practeis.

3. The comissioner for the burgh of Dumfreis haveing reported that he haveing intimat to thair burgh the burrowis act anent the errectione of the gildrie in that burgh, and Thomas M'Kennell, deacone conveyinar of the said burgh, fearing that the burrowis nicht proceid in the said bussienes had repaired to this burgh to attend the said bussienes, and that he had proposed ane amicabl agreement quhairof he wes verie

Dumfreis
gildrie.

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hopfull, and the said Thomas compearand befor the comissioneris of burrowis did acknowledg this to be his desyr, and thairfor the saidis comissioneris grantis libertie to the said Thomas to repair home and to endeavour ane present settlment with the merchandis in the erecting of the said gildrie.

5 June 1662.

Comissioners
charges.

4. It being complained by several comissioners that their burghs had refused to pay them their necessary expenses for attending parliaments and conventions, the comissioners ordained that proceedings be taken against those burghs for payment.

Complaints
against provost
and council of
Jedburgh.

5. The comissioners having taken into consideration a complaint of the merchants and inhabitants against the council of Jedburgh for fining them for a former complaint made to the burghs as to the election, and also a complaint of William Sympson, doctor of medicine, against the magistrates for fining him for not appearing before them when he was furth of the burgh following his calling, remitted to the burghs appointed to repair to Jedburgh as to elections to call the parties before them and to decide in the matter as they shall think fit.

Messouris.

6. Ordained the agent to pay forty pounds Scots to the macers.

26 August 1662.

Inveraray, etc.,
shares of sums
payable.

6 a. Ordained that the burghs of Inveraray, Forteros, Cromartie, Kintoir, Inverurie, and Weik, recently enrolled amongst the number of free burghs, should pay of each £100 payable by the burghs, as follows:—Inveraray, 3s.; Fortrose, 2s. 6d.; Cromartie, 2s. 6d.; Kintoir, 1s. 6d.; Inverurie, 2s.; and Weik, 2s. 6d.

29 August 1662.

Agent,
accomptis.

7. Ordained the burghs to pay to William Broun, agent, their shares of his disbursements, with the allowance to him and to the clerk's servitor, amounting together to £1154, 13s. 4d. Scots.

Supplication
against 80,000
merks.

8. Ordained the commissioner of Glasgow, with Sir Alexander Wedderburne and Sir William Thomsonsone, to draw up a supplication against payment of 80,000 merks, imposed upon the burghs by the committee of estates in July 1649, "and to speik with the clark register and the Kings advocat and tak thair advyce thairanent."

3 September 1662.

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3 September
1662.

9. Anent a complaint of the merchants of Dumfermling referring to the decree arbitral of the burghs in July 1618, "it wes thair judgment for keiping of peace within the said burgh that at thair nixt electione thair number sould be equall according to the said decreit, onlie the provest and tua baillies woices to be supernumerarie," and the deacon convener in name of the crafts protested against any infringement of the decree. [The act is deleted, and the following note written on the margin:—"The act delet be ordour of ."]

Dumfermling.

10. The present comissioneris of burrowis haveing resawed severall letteris from Sir William Davidson, thair conservatour, in relation to thair effairis, and especiallie anent the intendit chang of thair staple port frome the towne of Campheir to Ratterdame, as also haveing sein some overturis maid be the said toun of Ratterdame anent severall good conditionis profered to the burrowis if they sall condiscend to the settling of thair staple port at the said toun of Ratterdame, but becaus thes overturis ar onlie cum to thair handis frome some particular freind, thairfoir they ordaine thair generall clark to wreat ane letter in thair names to the said conservatour giving him thankis in thair names for his cair and dilligence in thair effairis and to desyr the continewance thairof, and to know by ane letter from his lordship if thes offeris be trewlie maid be the said towne of Ratterdame and quhat wtheris conditionis to the advantag of the burrowis and weall of the stapl port he can procur in thair handis, and wpon the returne of his ansuer thir presentis does empower the burgh of Edinburgh to call ane particular conventione of the burghis underwrittin, vizt., Edinburgh, [and twenty-one other burghs, to meet in a particular convention at Edinburgh, when they shall see fit, with full power to act in the said matter, or any other urgent business as they shall deem conducing to the advantage of the estate of burghs.]

Letter, over-
tours frome
Ratterdame.

11. Ordained certain burghs to make punctual payment to Sir William Thomson of their shares of the sum payable to him under act of the burghs dated 12th December 1660, with interest and penalties.

Burghis ad-
debit to Sir
William Thom-
son.

12. The present comissioneris of burrowis taking to thair consideratione the controversie betuixt the magistratis and craftsmen of the burgh of Dumfermling anent the electione of thair magistratis and counsall, and the complaintis of the magistratis of the said burgh,

Contraversie,
Dumfermling.

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Contraversie,
Dumfermline.

bearing that the decreit arbitrall betuixt thame in July 1618 be reason that the merchandis and craftis have been ever since equall in voices in their electioun and thairby great prejudice and confusion had arysen, and thairfoir desyring remedie against the confusiounis, the present comissioneris having comitted the samyn to some of thair number, and efter report mad be thame found some contradictione in the said decreit arbitrall, and thairfoir thair judgment, oppinion and appointment, for preservatioun of peace within that burgh, wes that wntill such tyme as the lordis of sessionne determine the poynt of richt thair be still 16 woices of the gildrie and als many of the craftis of the electoris, and that the woices of the provest and tuo baillies be added thair as supernumerarie; against the which appoyntment compeared Thomas Elder, deacon convenar of the said burgh of Dumfermling, and haveing ane appellatioun in wreat declyning thair judicatorie and protestit that they wold adhear to the said decreit arbitrall and tuik instrumentis thairwpon in the handis of George Cheyn and Thomas Lenox, nottaris publict.

Comissioneris
charges.

13. On the complaints of several of their number against their burghs for not paying their expenses for attendance at parliaments and conventions, the commissioners "requyris the magistratis and counsall of the burghis abone speciefied to grant and give to ther saidis respectiue comissioneris ane honorabill and competent sallarie for thair paines and charges."

Stoping signa-
tour of Bur-
rowstouness.

14. Compeared Androw Glen, commissioner for the burgh of Linlithgow, and mad his report of his dilligence in stoping of the signatur of Burrowstounes, quhairof the burrowis did approve.

EDINBURGH.
18 June 1663.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

18 June 1663.

Comissioners.

Edinburgh, Sir Androw Ramsay, Sir Robert Murray, Johne Milne; Pearth, Maister Johne Patersone; Dundie, Alexander Wedderburne; Aberdeine, Gilbert Gray; Stirling, Duncan Nairne; Linlithgow, Androw Glen; St Androis, Androw Carstairis; Glasgow, John Bell; Air, William Cunynghame; Haddingtoun, William Seatoun; Dysart, William

Symsone ; Kirkcaldie, Johne Williamsone ; Munros, Johne Rynnold ;
 Coupar, Androw Patersone ; Dumfreis, Johne Irving ; Innernes, Alex-
 ander Cuthbert ; Bruntilland, Gilbert Haliburtoun ; Innerkeything,
 James Thomsone ; Jedburgh, Johne Rutherford ; Wigtoun, Thomas
 Stewart ; Pittenweem, Thomas Suynburn ; Dumfermling, James Moodie ;
 Dumbarton, Walter Watsone ; Dumbar, James Lauder ; Elgine, An-
 drow Leslie ; Peibles, Alexander Williamsone ; Caraill, James Monteith ;
 Taine, Johne Forrester ; Culros, Alexander Bruise ; Bamff, Patrick
 Stewart ; Whythorne, Alexander Donaldsone ; Forfar, Alexander Dick-
 sone ; Annan, Hew Sinclair ; Lochmaben, Johne Hendersone ; Gallo-
 way, Maister Robert Dicksone ; Quensferie, Archibald Wilsone ; Forte-
 rose, Alexander Grahame ; Kintorie, Maister James Keythe ; Inverurie,
 William Fergusone. [No commissioners from other twenty-four burghs.]

EDINBURGH.
 18 June 1663.
 Commissioners.

19 June 1663.

1. Sir Andrew Ramsay, provost and first in commission for Edinburgh, Moderator.
 elected moderator.

2. The present comissioneris of burrowis taking to thair considera-
 tion the bussienes of comerce and tread, and finding it necessar that
 overturis may be propoundit for promoveing thair of and for removeing any
 obstructionis which might hinder the samyne, appointis the comissioneris
 of Edinburgh, Pearth, Dundie, Aberdeine, Linlithgow, Glasgow, Air, and
 Innernes to convey and to consider wpon the saidis overturis, as also of
 overturis concerning manufactories, and frome tyme to tyme to tak the
 assistance and advyce of any wther comissioneris of burrowis or of par-
 ticular merchandis or any wther personis expert in these effaires, excluding
 from the saidis meiting non of the comissioneris of burrowis, and four
 thair of to be ane quorum, and to report.

Overturis
 anent comerce,
 tread and
 manufactories.

23 June 1663.

3. The comittee abonewrittine haveing reportit thair opinione that
 the excys put wpon merchand comodities be the act of the first sessioun
 of parliament [March 29, 1661] is totallie destructive to the tread of
 this kingdome, the comissioneris appointis the said comittee to mak ane

Excys wpon
 merchand
 goodis.

EDINBURGH.
23 June 1663.

adres to the lord comissioner his grace that the said excys may be whollie takin of for the reasonis drawn up in ane paper apairt to be presentit to his grace.

Impositiones
laid on be Ing-
land.

4. The comissioneris of burrowis taking to thair consideratioune that the great and heavey impositionis laitlie laid be the parliament of England wpon coall, salt, bestiall and wther native comodities of this kingdome is in effect equivalent to ane direct prohibitioun of the importing of any such comodities from Scotland to England, haue thairfoir thocht it fit that the honorabill parliament may be moved that ane certan considerable excyse may be put wpon most pairt of the comodities imported frome England to Scotland, to the intent the parliament of England being sensibill of thair awin prejudice may be moved to mak the tread betuixt the nationis free as in the tyme of King James the Sext, of happie memorie, and that the said comittee doe represent the samyn to the lord comissioner his grace.

Excys on lingit
seed, etc.

5. The same day, haveing reportit that the comodities following, viz., lingit seed, brass pannes, and irne pottis, ar absolutlie necessarie for the vs of this kingdome and the tread thairof, the present comissioneris recomendis to the said comittee to move the said comissioner his grace and lordis of articles that the saidis comodities be free of all custome and excys in tyme cuming.

16 July 1663.

Ratificatioun
of the old buik
of raitis.

6. Sir Robert Murray, comissioner for Edinburgh, having reportit that the lordis of articles wer resolwed to rectifie the old buik of raitis and to mak the samyn moir cleire and plane, and that the Lord Bellen-den, thesaurer deput, desyred the concurrence of the burrowis and opinioun how the samyn sould be done, the comissioneris appointis Abirdcin, Lithgow, Glasgow, Air, Innernes and Montrose, with the assistance of David Wilkie, Walter Cheislie, James Currie, Alexander Sandie-landis, Patrick Fyf, merchandis in Edinburgh, and [Robert] Rynnet, bailie of Munros, to meit and considder of the old book of raitis, and thairefter to conveen with thos appointed be the lordis of exchequer to ratefie the samyn.

17 August 1663.

Act against
transporta-
tioun of money.

7. The present comissioners being informed that the draught of ane

act of parliament against transportatioun of money wes presented to the lordis of exchequer, and that the said act contained many strick claussis, especiallie that everie merchand skipper sall befor the intending of thair voyadg produce thair testificat frome the lord thesaurer or thesaurer deput that they haue takin oath not onlie that they have transportit none themselves but that they sould detect and informe against quhat-someuir persone or persones they know to be transporteris thair of, and that all marineris and passingeris sould be oblidgit to give oath if they knew any who did transport money, the present comissioneris ordanes Sir Andrew Ramsay, Sir Alexander Wedderburne, Sir William Thomsone to represent to the lord comissioner the said grivance; and the said Sir Andrew haveing reportit that the lord comissioner efter hearing had desyrit that the comissioneris of burrowis wald draw wpe such ane draught of ane act quhairby the said grivance micht be remeidit so that it micht be stricklie effectual against transportation of money, the present comissioneris appointis Sir Alexander Wedderburne, Culros, Lithgow, and Gallaway to draw up ane new act against the transportatioun of money in the strickest forme they can so as the merchandis and seamen may not lay wndir the danger of oathis and perjurie but that the magistratis of burghis be lyabl to the strick claussis contained in the said first scroll.

EDINBURGH.
17 August 1663.
Act against
transporta-
tioun of money.

8. The present comissioneris of burrowis being informed that the laird of Towch had presentit to the lordis of exchequer a signatur for the sol privilegis of mettis, weightis, and measuris within the whole kingdome of Scotland, for the space of thertie-thrie yearis, and finding the samyn to be in direct oppositioun to the rightis and priviledges of the royall burrowis, appointis the personis abone specifiet to mak thair addressis to the said lord comissioner and lord thesaurer deput, and to desyr ane sight of the said signatur, and that nothing may proceed thair-wpon untill the comissioneris of burrowis wer first heard thairanent, and the said Sir Andrew Ramsay haveing reported that accordingle and coppie of the said signatur wes grantit to him which he then produced and presentit, the comissioneris appointis the personis abone specefiet to consider of the samyne and to report.

Signatur,
Towch, anent
weightis and
measuris.

9. Having considered a petition from Thomas Moubray, minister at Campheir, for exemption from any salary to the precentor, and for a more effectual way of collecting his dues, the commissioners "thocht fit to recomend the

Minister of
Campheir.

EDINBURGH. said Mr Thomas to the lord archbischope of St Androis his grace, to be disposed of as he sall think fiting.”
 17 August 1663.

1 September 1663.

Report anent
 Touchis signatur.

10. Sir Andrew Ramsay haveing reportit that according to the act of the sevinein of August he with the rest of the comittee had mad applicatioun to the comissioner his grace and the Earle of Lauderdaill, and had representit to them the thoughtis of the comissioneris of burrowis and how farr the said signatur wes prejudiciall not onlie to the estait of burrowis but to the whole kingdome, and that the said Earle of Lauderdaill had declared that at court he had opposed the said signatur in behalff of the burrowis till such tyme as Androw Glen, provest of Lithgow, then at court, did by ane missive letter signifie to him that the said signatur wold not tend to the prejudice of the burrowis; and the said Androw Glen being demandit be the saidis comissioneris wpon what ground he had wreatin the said letter to the Earle of Lauderdaill, who maid ansuer that befor the granting of any such letter the said laird of Touch had given him assurance that the samyn sould be nowayes prejudiciall to the burrowis, and for verificatioun thair of did produce ane new declaratioun to that effect wndir the said laird of Touch his hand, quhair of the tenor followis :—These ar declairing to all personis concerned, especiallie to the right honorabill the comissioneris of burrowis, that quhairas I procuring ane signatur frome the Kingis Maiestie to be overseer of all mettis, weightis, and measuris within the kingdome of Scotland, without any exceptione, yit notwithstanding quhair of I did and am ingadgit befor the obteaning of the samyne to Androw Glen, late provest of Lithgow, then at London, the (*blank*) day of May j^m vj^c sextie tua, that I sould not inroach wpon the priviledgis of any of the royall burghis but sould leave them to themselves within thamselves, for mettis, weightis, and measuris; and for my fulfilling of my former ingadgment to Androw Glen, I be thir presentis passis frome all that I can clame of the royall burrowis be wertew of that signatur in relatioun to mettis, weightis, and measuris. In witnes quhair of I haue wreatin and subscryuit thir presentis at Edinburgh the 24 of August 1663. *Sic subscribitur*, J. Seatoun. Which ansuer being considderit and debaitit, the saids comissioneris of

burrowis agrees vnanimouslie to petitione the honorabill lordis of articles against the said signatur as prejudiciall not onlie to the estait of burrowis but to the whole noblmen, gentlmen and wtheris of all rankis, and appointis Sir Androw Ramsay, John Bell and the clark to draw wp ane petitione accordingle, and the said declaratioun of the laird of Towch to be keipit be the generall clark and ane autentick coppie thair of to be given to the said Androw Glen.

EDINBURGH.
1 September
1663.

Report anent
Touchis signa-
tur.

11. William Cuninghame, comissioner for the burgh of Air, haveing presented to the comissioneris of burrowis the coppie of ane signatur grantit be his Maiestie to Hew Earle of Eglintoun, of the Citiedaill of Air, to be errectit in ane burgh of regallitie, to be called Montgomriestoun, desyring that the samyn may be taikin to thair consideratioun not onlie as destructive to the toun of Air but ane dangerous preparative to all the royall burrowis, which coppie being red, with the reasonis of some cheiff advocatis against the samyne, the present comissioneris of burrowis appointis Abirdein, Lithgow, Dundie and Glasgow to concurr with the saidis William Cuninghame in soliciting the lord comissioner his grace and wtheris in autoritie for opposing the samyne, and the agent with thair assisstouris, in name of the burrowis, to assist him thairin untill the samyn be discussed befor the judg ordinar.

Signatur, Earl
of Eglintoun,
citidail of Air.

15 September 1663.

12. The comissioneris being informed that the king of France had laitlie imposed ane impositione of fyftie solze wpon ilk twne of goodis to be transported by foraigneris out of the kingdome of France to any wther kingdome or natioun, and that the samyn is indevoured to be takin of thes of this kingdome alsweill as frome wtheris notwithstanding of our maniefold ancient privileges within the kingdome of France, conforme to the severall agreementis mad betuixt the kingis of Scotland and France, the comissioneris appointis thair generall clark to search the charter hous of Edinburgh for all the saidis giftis, immunities, and privileges grantit be the kingis of France in favouris of the subjectis of this kingdome; which the said generall clark accordingle haveing searched out and produced, with ane inventar of the cheiff of thame, the comissioneris appointis Sir Robert Murray, Sir Alexander Wedderburne, and Robert Sandielandis, dein of gild of Edinburgh, with the agent, to

Impositioun,
French goodis.

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15 September
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Impositioun,
French goodis.

consult with Sir Peter Wedderburne, clark of his Maiesties counsell, to caus draw wp ane lettir to his sacred Maiestie granting comissione to any persone his Maiestie sall think fitt to negotiat with the King of France tuiching that effair and thaireftir to advys with the Earle of Lauderdale, his Maiesties Secretarie, concerning the samyne, according quhairvnto the said Earle of Lauderdale [being] satisfied with the said draught the samyne wes subscriuit and sent away in his lordships packet.

Gildrie, Bri-
chane, missive.

13. Ordained a supplication desiring the erection of a guildry in the burgh of Brichan to be a head of the next missive.

Burrowis ryd-
ing at parlia-
ment.

14. Sir Robert Murray haveing reportit that his grace did desyr that the comissioneris of burrowis nicht condescend wpon ane list of such comissioners as they thought nicht be in readienes to ryd at the dissolving of this parliament, the present comissioneris condescendis wpon the list following, viz., Edinburgh, Pearth, Dundie, Abirdein, Stirling, Linlithgow, St Androis, Glasgow, Air, Haddingtuon, Kirkcaldie, Monros, Coupar, Dumfreis, Innernes, Bruntilland, Jedburgh, Dumfermling, Dumbartan, Elgin, Peibles, Culros, Annan, Gallaway and Quensferrie, quhairwpon the comissioneris of Innernes protestis that he nicht be forborne at this tyme, alsweall becaus he wes not provydit with ane foot mantill and wther necessaris as becaus thair is ane contraversie betuixt his burgh and Haddingtoun for precedence; lykas John Bell protestit for precedence with Stirling, Lithgow and St Androis, and the comissioneris of burrowis protestit they nicht ryd in thair places at this tyme conforme to vse and vont wntill the said contraversies [shall be] takin in serious consideratioun be the whole bodie and legallie decydit.

3 October 1663.

Complaint
against pro-
vost of Had-
dington.

15. In respect of the non-appearance of parties, a petition of certain burgesses of Haddingtoun containing several accusations against the provost, the comissioners "ordained the principall petitione to be delyvered to the said William Seatoun and recomendit to him to behave himself in the said matter with advyce of his counsell as he wold be ansuerable."

8 October 1663.

Agent, ac-
comptis.

16. Ordained the burghs to pay their shares of the agent's accounts, amounting to £145, 13s. 4d. Scots.

17. Ordained the magistrates and council of Pittinweem to pay a competent allowance to their commissioner for attendance at the parliament. EDINBURGH.
8 October 1663.
18. The commissioners considering that by the 45th act of the general convention held in July 1660 the next was appointed to be held at Aberdeen in July 1661, which convention has always been impeded through the frequent holding of parliaments, appointed the next general convention to be held at Aberdeen in July next. Pittinweem,
parliament.
Nixt generall
conventiones.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
25 May 1664.

Edinburgh, Sir Androw Ramsay, Robert Sandielandis, Johnne Milne ; Stirling, James Stewinsone ; Lithgow, Robert Stewart ; St Androis, Robert Lentrone ; Glasgow, Johnne Wakinschaw ; Dysart, Henrie Beatie ; Kirkcaldie, Robert Whyt ; Bruntilland, Daid Seatoun ; Innerkeything, Johnne Dicksone ; Jedburgh, Johnne Rutherfoord ; Dunfreis, Johnne Coup-land ; Dumbar, Maister George Purves ; Culros, William Pearsons ; Northbervick, Robert Sandielandis ; Quenisferie, Archbald Wilsone ; [Eleven burghs *blank*].

25 May 1664.

1. Sir Androw Ramsay, provost and first in commission for Edinburgh, Moderator. elected moderator.

26 May 1664.

2. Ordained the agent to borrow £3200 Scots to pay two years' salary to the Earl of Lauderdale whose "assistance at this tyme in their great affairs is most requisit," and to pay a gratuity of £300 Scots to the agent. Earl of Lauder-
dall.

3. Appeared Robert Sandielandis, one of the comissioneris of Edinburgh, and produced ane supplicatione frome the Scotis merchandis and factoris residing in France to the royall burrowis for thair assistance in defence of thair persuit against the payment of the 50 solz imposed wpon the tune, thairfor the present comissioneris recomendis the samyn to the Earle of Lauderdale and ordaines ane letter to be direct to him for that effect. Supplication
factoris in
France.

4. The present comissioneris taking to thair consideratione ane supplicatione presentit to thame be the magistratis of Rothesay for a ryot Complaint,
Rothesay
against schir-
reff of Buit.

EDINBURGH.
26 May 1664.
Complaint,
Rothsay
against schir-
reff of Buit.

comittit by the scherriff of Buit for releiveing of thair prisoneris without thair ordour and beating of thair saidis magistratis, and wtheris incivilities at length contained in the said petitione ; as also desyring the burrowis assistance and concurrence for seiking redres befor the lordis of his Maiesties pryvie counsall, the present comissioneris recomendis to the magistratis of Edinburgh, with the agent, to concurr with the burgh of Rothsay in sua farr as they find thair complaint true and just.

Jedburgh,
Culros.

5. The present comissioneris ordaines the agent to give his concurrence to the burgh of Jedburgh in the prosecutione of thair actione against the towne of Hawick, as also with the burgh of Culros in thair proces against wnfreetaders within thair boundis and liberties, and to report.

Freedom of
tread in Eng-
land, imposi-
tion, France.

6. The present comissioneris of burrowis taking to thair serious consideratione the great prejudice they ar lyk to susteane in thair tread and navigatione if his Maiestie doe not of his royall goodnes preserve the interest of a free comerce and the interest of the royall burrowis, thairfoir ordaines ane missive to be dravin be thair generall clark, to be subscryvit be the whole comissioneris present, to the Earle of Lauderdale caryeing the great sence they haue of his Maiesties gracious respectis to this his ancient kingdome and to the tread thair of and thair recentment of his lordships great cair of our concernmentis, with thair humbl desyr of his continewance, and to deall effectuallie with his Maiestie that they be in no wors caice then in his father and grandfatheris tyme, of blessed memorie, till in due tyme his Maiestie in his prudence sall mak ane moir firme settlement ; as also to be cairfull anent the 50 solz vpon the tune imposed be the French King on the wessellis belonging to this natioun as though wee wer straingeris, and if any persoun be to be sent be his Maiestie to negotiat that effair, or any thing els occur quhairin they ar concerned, that his lordship wold be pleased to advertis the provest of Edinburgh quho may comunicat the samyne to the borrowis.

Adjurning
generall con-
vention.

7. The present comissioneris taking to thair consideratione that in relation to the great debait betuixt England and ws in the mater of tread now recomendit to the Kingis Maiestie in the intervall of the sessiounis of parliament of England, so that thair is a necessitie for a conventione of the whole burrowis to meit and condescend quhat is fitt to be done ; as also considdering that many of the comissioneris ar mem-

beris of that comittee which is appointed for puting in executioun the actis of the kirk and who ar to meit duiring the whole somer sessione, as also the imminent danger of ane warr with Holland, and the danger of the pestilence feared frome thes places; thairfor the present comissioneris findis a necessitie to continew the generall conventioun at Abirdene till ane new dyet, and that a missive be presentlie expedit be our generall clark for a meiting of the whole burrowis the 28 of June nixt ensueing, and that they send thair comissioneris sufficientlie instructed for raising of moneyis and doeing of everie thing which may conduce for the carying on thair interest in the matter of tread, and that the whole articles and headis of the missive be dispensed with till the generall conventioun at Abirdein, the dyet quhairof is to be concludit at the said nixt meiting the 28 of June at Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH.
26 May 1664.
Adjourning
generall con-
vention.

8. Ordaines the agent to give to Edward Dickson, ane poor distractit cripple, four pund Scotis.

Edward Dick-
son £4.

9. The committee appointed to revise the commissions, reported that they were sufficient, with two exceptions.

Reveising of
the commis-
sionis.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
28 June 1664.

Edinburgh, Sir Androw Ramsay, Robert Sandielandis, Johne Milne; Pearth, Patrick Threipland; Dundie, George Flescheour; Abirdein, Alexander Alexander; Stirling, Robert Russell; Linlithgow, Robert Stewart; St Androis, Robert Lentrone; Glasgow, James Poog; Air, Robert Dalrumple; Haddingtoun, William Setoun; Kirkcaldie, Robert Whyt; Monros, Robert Rynnold; Coupar, Andro Patersone; Dumfreis, Johne Coupland; Innernes, Robert Barbour; Bruntilland, David Seatoun; Kinghorne, Johne Bruce; Irving, Robert Cunynghame; Jedburgh, James M'Cubine; Kirkcudbright, Maister Williame Euart; Dumfermling, Peter Walker; Selkirk, William Mitchellhill; Dumbartane, Walter Watsoune; Ramfrew, Johne Somervell; Dumbar, Thomas Purves; Lanrick, Patrick Bisset; Elgin, William Cuming; Peibles, Alexander Williamsone; Carail, James Moncreiff; Culros, William Pearsons; Rutherglen, David Spence; Northbervick, Adam Maxwell. [Thirty-one burghs *blank*.]

EDINBURGH.
28 June 1664.

28 June 1664.

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| Moderator. | 1. Sir Andrew Ramsay, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator. |
| Reveising commissions. | 2. The committee appointed to revise the commissions reported that they were all sufficient. |
| Hours of meeting. | 3. Hours of meeting appointed to be from nine till twelve and from three till six. |

1 July 1664.

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| Actis particular convention approved. | 4. The commissioners unanimously approved of the whole acts of last particular convention. |
| Exemption Northberwick. | 5. Granted exemption to the burgh of Northberwick to abide from all conventions for three years on the usual conditions. |

Linlithgow, Blacknes, Borroustounes.	6. Anent the supplicatione givin in to the comissioneris of borrowis now convened, schewing that at thair erectione in ane free royall burgh they had grantit to them the priviledg of ane free port at Blacknes as the onlie free port betuixt the riveris of Amond and Avon, for paking and peelling, livering and loading of all staple wair and merchandise, nevertheles the custome office is now keipit at Burrowstounnes and all stapl wair and merchandice loadined thair, contrair the lawis of the kingdome and priviledg of burrowis, and thairfoir desyring the concurrence and assistance of the burrowis in the prosecutione of ane redres thairof befor the lordis of exchequer, the present comissioneris grantis the desyr of the said supplicatione and ordaines the agent, with such of the burghis that salbe in this burgh, to concurr with the burgh of Linlithgow for remeid thairof, and to report; and in the meane tyme, conforme to many former laudabill actis, dischairgis all merchandis of free royall burrowis to load or leiver at wnfree places, wndir the paine of ane hundreth pundis, ilk person <i>toties quoties</i> .
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Earl of Lauderdale, freedome of treat.	7. The present comissioneris of burrowis ordanes thair generall clark in thair names to draw wp ane letter, with advys of Edinburgh, Linlithgow, and St Androis and Bruntilland, to be sent to the Earl of Lauderdale, giving him heartie thankis for his bypast cair of thair effairis and desyring the continewance thairof and especiallie in the matter of tread betuixt the tuo kingdomes.
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2 July 1664.

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2 July 1664.

8. The present comissioneris taking to thair consideratione that pairt of the missive for taking of the 50 solz wpon the tun imposed wpon our Scotis wessellis in France, the comissioneris haveing seriouslie considerit be what meanes it micht be most effectuellie done, and being informed that his Maiestie out of his bountie and goodnes has resolutione to imploy some persoun of honor and abilitie, being ane Scotis man, to goe over to France expreslie to negotiat with the Frenche King anent the renewing and confirmatioun of the privilegis and liberties grantit be his predicessouris to the Scotis natione in France, conforme to the most ancient league or leagues betuixt the Kingis of Scotland and France, by which privileges amongst wtheris the Scotis merchandis and marineris wer to be free of all customes and impositionis except such as in thes ancient dayes wer condiscendit wpon, the saidis comissioneris did vnanimouslie condiscend that if his Maiestie sould be pleased to imploy any such Scotis man in the said employment that ane gratuitie sould be grantit to him for his incurradgment to accomplish the annulling of the said 50 solz wpon the tun, and for that effect that the agent sould borrow wpon the borrowis securitie three hundreth pund sterling to be sent to the said honorabill persone with all convenient dilligence, and becaus it is most reasonabl that the pairties trewlie interessed aucht to be at the charg of this and all wther expenssis to be debursd in the prosecutione of the said bussienes who allanerlie ar merchandis and owneris of schippis, and that thairfoir it is most reasonable and expedient for releif of the borrowis that ane impositione of les value be laid wpon all Scotis schippis treading in France so as in few yearis the said sowme may be reimbursed, each Scotis schipp treading to or frome France according to his burdein to pay for ilk tun, whither the schipp be licht or loadined, the sowme of tuele shillingis Scotis to be payed be the master of the schipp, and the sam dewitie to be payit be all Scottis men for ilk tun of goodis imported to this kingdome frome France though in French, Dutch, or any wther stranger weschell [and appointed the particular convention to arrange for collecting the custom]. Lyk as the present comissioneris think fitt, efter further consideratione, that the Earle of Lauderdaill be acquainted that the burrowis ar willing to give and allow to the said honorabill persone for his

Impositione of
50 solz on the
tun.

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Impositione of
50 solz on the
tun.

Abirdein, de-
molishing of
cruiffis.

Unfree
treders, etc.

Agent
accomptis.

Dumfreis
gildrie.

Main, factor
at Campheir.

Particular con-
vention.

Nixt generall
convention.

Correspon-
dence with
Lauderdaill,
import of
English com-
odities.

incurradgment ane thousand French crownis, being three thousand franks, and if he sall accomplisch thair affairsaid desyr, in that caice efter the performance thair of a thousand crounis moir, the three hundreth pund sterling mentionat in the former pairt of this act being heirby maid null.

9. The present comissioneris grantis concurrence to the burgh of Abirdein, in prosecutione of redres of the ryot comittit be the noblmen, gentlmen, and heretouris in Overdone, by demolishing thair cruiffis and infringeing of ther privilegis, and wther incivilities done by them, befor the lordis of secreit counsall, and for that effect ordaines the deine of gild of Edinburgh and John Milne to assist them wpon advertisment at this burgh, and recomendis to the nixt particular conventione to supplie tham with money also for thair just defence as they sall find caus.

10. The present comissioneris of burrowis ordainés concurrence to be grantit the burghs of Culros, Forfar, Peibles, Selkirk, and Jedburgh in the prosecutione of thair actionis intendit be them against wnfree treaderis within thair boundis and liberties and against incroacheris wpon thair privilegis, and the saidis burghis to report thair dilligence heiranent to the nixt generall convention.

11. Ordained the burghs to pay their shares of the agent's accounts, extending to £400 Scots.

11 *a.* The commissioners approved and ratified "the act maid in favouris of Dumfreis in relatione to thair gildrie."

12. Recommended next general convention to approve of the admission of George Maine to be a factor at Campheir.

13. Appointed a particular convention to be held upon advertisement of the burgh of Edinburgh, "quhen necessar immergentis requiris them."

13 *a.* Dissolved the present convention, and appointed the next general convention to be held at Aberdeen in July 1665.

14. The comissioneris appointis the lord provest of Edinburgh, with thes wtheris mentioned in the sevinth act of this present convention, or any wther comissioneris of burrowis being in toune, to keip correspondence with the Earle of Lauderdaill in relation to the publict concernment of the burrowis in tread and navigatione; and considering the heavie prejudice the whol natioun and particularlie the burrowis susteanes by the exorbitant impositionis put on by the parliament of England on salt,

bestiall, corne, and wther comodities transported frome Scotland to Eng-
land, for remedie quhairof the estaitis of the parliament of Scotland layed
one fourscoir per cent. on most part of Englisch comodities to be trans-
ported to Scotland, and by ane wther act ordained ane penaltie against
such personis quho efter Lambes nixt sould wear any Englisch cloath or
stuffis, nevertheles whairf by not puting to executioun the saidis
laudibill actis the prejudice contineweth, thairfor the comissioneris efter
matur deliberatioun for the publick weifair of this kingdome think it
most necessar and reasonabl that the saidis actis be put to effectuall
executioun, and earnestlie recomendis to the said lord provest and wtheris
abonementionat to petitione the honorabill lordis of privie counsall for
the effect foirsaid, and to send the coppie of thair said petitioun with the
counsallis reference to the earle of Lauderdaill, and to report thair dilli-
gence heiranent to the nixt conventioun.

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2 July 1664.
Correspon-
dence with
Lauderdaill,
import of
Englich com-
odities.

15. Ordained the agent to pay to Andrew Moncur, post, £40 Scots, "in
compleit payment of his dewis for carying of the missive thir three yearis from
Aberdein through the rest of the burrowis of the kingdome, which wes left
wnpayit to him be the burgh of Abirdein in respect the burrowis did not meit
thair the tymes apointit."

Agent, Mon-
cur, 40 lib.

16. Ordained the burghs to repay the agent their shares of £3200 borrowed
as authorised by the 2d act of last particular convention.

Agent, £3200.

17. Ordained the agent to give Henry Monteith, servant in the tolbooth,
£6 Scots "for sueiping of their meiting hous."

Sueiping
meiting hous.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at ABERDAINE.*

ABERDEEN.
4 July 1665.

Edinburgh, Robert Sandilands, James Scot, James Currie, Patrick
Borthik ; Pairth, Patrick Thripland ; Dundie, George Fletchour ; Abir-
dein, Johne Burnet ; Stirling, Robert Russell ; Linlithgow, Robert
Mylne ; St Andrews, Robert Lentrone ; Glasgow, Johne Walkingshaw ;
Hadingtoun, William Seatoun ; Dysert, David Simsone ; Montrose,
Robert Rynd ; Inverness, Alexander Cuthbert ; Elgin, William Cuming ;
Banff, Robert Hamiltoun ; Forfar, David Dickson ; Nairne, Johne
Inglis ; Forres, David Warrand ; Cullen, Johne Ogilvie ; Fortrose, Robert
Innes ; Kintore, William Fraser. [No commissioners for other forty-
three burghs.]

ABERDEEN.
4 July 1665.

4 July 1665.

- Moderator. 1. Robert Petrie, provost and first in commission for Aberdeen, elected moderator.
- Hours of meeting. 2. Hours of meeting appointed to be from ten till twelve, and from three till six. Same regulations as formerly as to attendance, speaking, and voting.

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- Citatione. 3. The moderator verified the citation of the burghs.
- Heritors, wnf free mercatis. 4. Anent the 4th act of the general convention held in July 1660, ordained the agent with the whole burghs concerned to proceed against heritors for exacting exorbitant customs at markets.
- Measuris. 5. Ratified the 10th act of the general convention held in July 1660 ordaining measures of victual to be conform to the standard of Linlithgow.
- Commissions. 6. Report made by the committee appointed to revise the sufficiency of the commissions.
- Kintor. 7. The commissioners found the commission of Kintor to be "altogether vnformall and the commissioner designed in the said comissione ane gentleman and thairfoir not qualified in maner mentioned in the acts of burrows."
- Cheyn, clerk. 8. The commissioners elected George Chein to be their general clerk during this convention, and to continue during the pleasure of the burghs.
- Montrose, measure. 9. Ordained the burghs of Dundee and Arbroath to meet at Montrose, and to see that burgh's measure of foreign salt made conform to the measure of Dundie.
- Unfree traders, burgesses. 10. Ratified all acts made against unfree traders and non-resident burgesses, and ordained the same to be put to due execution.
- Agent, diligence, unfree traders. 11. Anent the 21st act of the general convention held in July 1660, the commissioner of Stirling reported that they were doing all possible diligence. The burgh with the agent was ordained to continue the prosecution, and the agent was also instructed to concur with Perth and any other burghs employing him in prosecuting unfree traders.
- Factoris and staple port. 12. Continued the particulars mentioned in the 19th act of the general convention held in February 1661, and all others relating to the staple port to be a head of the next missive.
- Glasgow, etc., prioritie. 13. Continued the 9th act of the particular convention held in December 1660 as to the contest for priority in riding at parliaments to be a head of next missive.
- Oath of allegiance. 14. The whole commissioners declared that they had hitherto obeyed the 29th act of the convention held in 1661 as to taking the oath of allegiance to his Majesty, and asserting his prerogative.

15. The commissioners of Edinburgh reported that they had implemented the 3d and 4th acts of the particular convention held in November 1661 "quhich the saids burgh of Edinburgh to deal with the lord commissioner his grace and wther lords of his Majesties privie counsell and wthers quhom it may concerne for thair assistance for recoverie of the saids priviledgis, and to prosecute the same ay and quhill some effectuall course be takine thairanent."

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Priviledge of
treading and
navigatione in
England.

16. Ordained that a letter be written to Sir William Davidson, conservator, desiring his appearance at next general convention for subscribing the same acts and orders as his predecessors.

17. Anent the 7 act of the particular conventione of borrowis holden in Februarij 1662, ordaining the agent to have reported his dilligence in concurring with the burgh of Linlithgow for stopeing the signatour of Borrowstounness for ther erectione in ane frie royall burgh, the present commissioneris of borrowis vnderstanding that the brugh of Linlithgow had obtained ane act befor the lordis of exchequer ordeaning all loadnings of all ships and vessells and all entries of all goods and gear of merchandries, of quhatsomeuer natur and qualitie the samyne be of, quhich sall be maid heirefter on the south syde of the river of Forth above the port of Leith (except coall, salt, victuall, ston and lyme), to be maid at the port of Blaiknes as the onlie frie port on the south syd of the said river of Forth above the said port of Leith, conforme to the brugh of Linlithgows rights and securities and acts of parliament maid thairanent and former possessione thair of, thairfor the saids commissioneris recomends to the agent, with the burgh of Edinburgh and vther brughs that sall happin to be thairin, to concur and assist the burgh of Linlithgow, they being requyred for that effect.

Signatur of
Borrow-
stounnes, Black-
nes.

18. For remedying the great difference in the length of the ell and foot in the several burghs, ordained that the measure be conform to the standard of Edinburgh.

Measur of elne
and foot.

19. Unlawed the burgh of Linlithgow in £20 for absence from this convention, and ordained them to report their diligence anent the 2d act of the convention held at Edinburgh in February 1662.

Linlithgow.

20. The commissioners considering that neglect of exacting the penalties occasions the absence of burghs from conventions, ordained the agent to use the utmost extremity of execution in uplifting the unlaws.

Unlaws from
absent bur-
rowes.

21. Anent the 2d act of convention held in January 1662, and the 7th act of convention held in February 1662, the agent and the commissioner of Lin-

Linlithgow,
signatour of
Borrowstounnes.

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lithgow reported that they had done all lawful diligence in stopping the passing of the signature of Borroustounes till the same should be revised again by the King's Majesty. Ordained that the agent give farther concurrence to the burgh in the matter.

Brichane, gild-
rie.

22. Anent the 13th act of the convention held in September 1663 as to the supplication by the burgh of Breichen desiring that a guildry may be erected therein, the commissioners ordained the burghs of Dundie, Munros, Aberdeine, Forfar, and Arbroath to meet at Breichen "to sie the constitution of thair magistrats and counsell of the said burgh, and to deall for ane amciable and freindlie aggriment of all differences betuixt the magistrats and counsell of the samyn and the merchants thairrof."

7 July 1665.

Rescinding
actis of bur-
rowis.

23. The present commissioneris of burrowes taking to there consideration that in those tymes of rebellion and distractioun, since anno 1637 till anno 1660, that thair are severall acts insert and registrat in our generall register of burrowes which are derogatorie to his Majesties royall prerogative and unprofitable to the estate of burrowis, and therfor the present comissioneris of burrowes have statut and ordained, lyk as they statut and ordain that ane generall survey may be taken be the clark of all the acts of burrowes made to the disadvantage of his Majestie or his successouris, or to the prejudice of the estate of burrowes, and the samyn to be rescindit with advyce of the burgh of Edinburgh, Linlithgow, Hadingtoun or any vther royall burgh that shall happen to be in the place for the tyme.

Tennent, post.

24. Understanding the abilitie and qualification of William Tennant, messour, and of his good service done and to be done be him to the saidis comissioneris of burroues, therfor, they admitt and receive the said William Tennant to be there comon poist, and ordaines him to be employed in making of all there comon wairnings.

Tuo Pollo-
nianis.

25. Ordaines thair agent to give John Elsver and Christopher Taubman, tuo straingers of the Pollonian nation, the soume of three scoir pounds Scots towards thair help and mentinance.

Vnlaw, San-
quhar.

26. Continued the 30th and 32d acts of last general convention ordaining the agent to uplift an unlaw from the burgh of Sanquhar, to be a head of next missive.

Burgessis,
mercats.

27. The present comissioneris of burrowes taking to there serious consideration the great prejudice there estate sustanes through the

admitting of burgessis withiu there burghis residing in wufrie places and resorting to publick mercats, therefor they have statut and ordained, lyk as they have statut and ordained that all frie burgessis repairing to common mercats within this kingdome shall not onlie bring with them ther burges tickitt but also ane testificat from the dean of gild or magistrats of there saids burghs testifying them to be frie burgessis and actuall inhabitants within the samyn, bearing all portable charges with thair neighbours thairin, and any merchant servant coming to the saids mercat shall have ane testificat from his maister that he is either prentise or fied domestick keeping bed and buird in his house and that he is buying the goods for his maisters vse, vtherwayes to be reputed and holden as a forstaler.

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Burgessis,
mercats.

28. The commissioners dispensed with all former unlaws due by the burgh of Cullan, on account of their poverty, and granted exemption to that burgh and to the burghs of Forterose, Weik, Kintoir, Inverurie, and Nairne for abiding from all conventions for three years on the usual conditions.

29. Anent the tuo supplications presented to the burroues be William Gregorie, the one for craving supplie for reparatioun of thair harbories, the present comissioneris of burrowes recomends that ane volintar contribution may be made to the supplicant att each parish kirk doore of frie burghs for that effect, the vther supplicatioun desyring a warrand for vplifting of shoar deues and ankeradge att thair harborie of all vessells coming in thairto, the present comissioneris of burroues recomends to the burgh of Abirdaine to speak with William Gregoric anent ane table to be set doune and keepit by him of the said ancoradge and vther deues to be exacted be him att the said poirt.

Abirdein, port
of Staehyve.

30. Anent the supplicatioun presented to the saids burrowes be David Dickson, commissar for the brught of Forfar, representing to tham that the said brught had granted to tham be the Kings Majestie severall liberties and priviledges, and especiallie of keiping of publick faires, the obtaining quhairof hes coast them great and vaest charges, desyring the agents concurrence in passing the sealls of the saids gifts vpon the burroues charges, as also in persueing of wnfrie traders within thair liberties vsurping the priviledges of free brughis, the present comissioneris of burrowis recomends the tuo particulars abovewrittin to be ane head of the

Forfar.

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Forfar.

nixt missive; as also desyring the burroues approbatioun for setting of certain barren and unprofitable myres and moores to certaine burgessis of thair incorporatioun for the space of 15 or 19 yeires att such ane considerable value as they can aggrie vpon for agmentatione of thair comon good and payment of ane pairt of thair debt, the present comissioneris grants the desyre of the said article, provyding the samyn be so employed.

Oathis of
merchandis.

31. The present comissioneris of burrowis understanding that Sir Walter Seatoun requyres frequentlie the oaths of thair inhabitants of the quantitie of goods imported be them in thair said brughs and charges tham with horning for that effect vpon groundles and neidles complaints given against tham be the collectours of excyse, the present comissioners of burroues ordaines application to be made to the lords of exchequer for remeed thair of and for preventing of perjurie.

Agent
accomptis.

32. Ordained the burghs to pay to the agent their shares of his accounts, extending to £2346, 10s. Scots.

Particular con-
vention, salt.

33. The present comissioneris of burroues taking to thair serious consideratioun the sad prejudice and damnadge thair estait will sustain if the imposition of 12 lib. Scots vpon the boll of bey salt imported within this kingdome and the 50 sulz vpon the tun of goods imported or transported from France, and the restraint of frie trading betuixt the tuo kingdomes of Scotland and Inghland, and exorbitant custome put vpon the double hundreth of plaiden, be not anulled and taken off, and if convoyes be not granted for gairding of our ships trading to and from foraigne places and securing of our coasts for preservatioun of trade dureing the tyme of the vnhappie warrs with the Hollanders, the present comissioneris of burrowes finding the saids maters to be of great weight and heigh importance thinks it necessar that some effectuall course be taken for preventing of all hurt and prejudice there estate may sustane thairin, and understanding that thair is ane frequent meeting of the whole burroues appoynted by ane missive directed to tham to that effect to be at the brught of Edinburgh the 28 of Jully instant and for attending the generall conventione of estates who are to conveyn att the said brught the 2d of August nixt, to the which comissioners of burroues or most pairt of tham conveynant the present comissioneris of burroues gives full pouer and comission to tak all laifull course for redresse of these evils and for

granting of the saids convoyes and of all vther things that may tend to the good of estate of burroues and preventing their hurt in any of the particulars and vthers abovewrittin.

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Particular convention, salt.

34. Dissolved the present convention and ordained the next general convention to be held at Edinburgh in July 1666.

Nixt convention.

35. The present comissioneris of burroues, taking to their serious consideratioun that there are severall new inrolled burroues who are not stented with their neighbours in the taxt roll for payment of there proportions of the missive deues, therfor the present comissioneris of burroues stents the particullar brughts underwrittin as folloues, to wit, the brught of Forterose in 5s. Scots; the brught of Cromartie, 5s. Scots; the brugh of Weik, 3s. 4d.; the brugh of Innerarie in 3s.; and the brught of Kintour in 2s.; [and] taking to their consideratioun the great loscs sustained be the brught of St Androis and the brught of Innernes thairfoir they allou into the said brught of St Androus the soume of 12s. 4d. and to the brught of Innernes the soume of 6s. which maks vp the whole of the proportions of the abovewrittin brughts; and ordaines als much of their proportions quhairin they are extenit in the taxt roll to be defaulted, and this to continow ay and whyle the alteratioun of the taxt roll.

Stent imposed upon Forteros, etc.

8 July 1665.

36. The present comissioneris of burroues considering that the wnlaw laid vpon the absent burroues is so low that the most pairt of burroues doeth absent thamselves of purpose quhen generall conventiones are appoynted att any distant places, for remeed quhairof the present comissioneris of burroues have statut and ordained that the wnlaw for absence shall be ane hundreth pund Scots, and ordaines ilk brught to mak intimatioun of this present act att their homecuming that non pretend ignorance.

Unlaws of absents 100 lib.

37. Anent the suplication given to the burroues from the brught of Elgin, representing that they haue in prison some countrie gentlemen for a great soume of money, some countrie gentlemen did assault their Tolbooth, wounded their officers, and one of there neighbours killed att that tumult, and desyreing the concurrence of the agents with the brught

Elgin, prosecution of gentlemen for ryot.

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Elgin, prosecution of gentlemen for ryot.

of Edinburgh and vtheris brughts that shall happen to be in that place in prosecution of thair action to be intentit be them against those personis who tumultouslie wronged the magistrats and neighbours of the said brughts, untill the finall decision thair of; the present comissioneris of burroues haveing considered the said supplication, and finding the desyre therof to be most reasonable, therfor they ordain thair agent with concurrence of the brught of Edinburgh to assist the said comissioner for the said brught of Elgin and vther burroues that shall happen to be vpon the place.

Losses, Forteros.

38. The present comissioneris of burroues recomends the loses of the brught of Forterose by demolishing of thair tolbooth, schoole house, and steaple, and vthair desolatiouns of the brught the tyme of thair late rebellion, to be ane heid of the nixt missive.

Agent £29.

39. Ordains the agent to pay William Forbes and William Wood ten dollars.

EDINBURGH.
23 July 1665.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Robert Sandilands, James Scot; Pearth, Patrick Threapland; Dundie, George Fletchour; Aberdaine, Maister Robert Patrie; Stirling, Duncan Nairne; Linlithgow, Robert Steuart; St Androis, Robert Lentron; Glasgow, William Andersone; Air, William Cuninghame; Hadingtoun, William Seaton; Dysart, maister David Symson; Kirkaldie, Robert Whyt; Montrose, Robert Tayliour; Coupar, Androu Pater-sone; Dumfries, John Iruine; Bruntilland, David Seaton; Breichen, David Donaldson; Iruine, Robert Cuninghame; Jedburgh, John Ruth-erfoord; Kirkudbright, Robert Glendoning; Wigtoun, Androu M'Kie; Pettinweecyme, George Brussie; Dumferling, Peeter Walker; Anstruther Wester, Peeter Oliphant; Dumbar, James Lauder; Lanrick, Patrick Bisset; Elgin, Androw Young; Peibles, Alexander Williamsone; Craill, John Daw; Tayn, John Forrester; Culrose, William Pearsone; Bamff, Robert Hamiltoun; Rothesay, Sheriff of Bute; Nairne, William Rosse; Forres, Francis Forbes; Lauder, Thomas Wood; Annan, Hew Sinclair; Sanquhar, Robert Carmichill; Quensferie, Archbald Wilson; Forterose, Hew Dallas. [No commissioners for other twenty-three burghs.]

28 July 1665.

EDINBURGH.
28 July 1665.

1. Sir Androw Ramsay, provost and first in commission for Edinburgh, Moderator.
elected moderator.

2 August 1665.

2. Granted exemption to the burgh of Dingwall to abide from all conventions for the space of three years on the usual conditions.

Exemption,
Dingwall.

5 August 1665.

3. The present comissioners of burroues taking to thair serious consideratioun that thair is ane generall taxt imposed vpon the whole kingdome, and that it is necessar that the burroues know thair deu proportions thair of that non suffer prejudice, therfor they have ordained thair agent to search the totall of the whole taxatioun and to give everie brught thair proportion thair of conforme to the stent roll as it now stands, and to search if thair be any conceillment of the totall either to the behoove of Kirk or royaltie that may be to the advantage of the burroues, that the lyk proportion thair of may be allowed to the burroues; and because the shorteness of the tyme will not permitt thair proportions to be set apairt, therfor they have ordained the agent to devyde thair proportion equallie and to insert the same after the subscriyving the book, to be subscriyvet be the moderatour, and ane extract thair of to be granted to be given to each brught vnder the clerks hand, which shall be als sufficient as give the samyn had bein heir insert.

Burrowis proportions of
taxation.

4. Ordaines the agent to pay to the tuo maisouris of the counsell and exchequer ten dollers, and to Richart Gairdin and Hendrie Mentieth tuo dollers, and to the keepers of the parliament house tuo dollers.

Agent, maisouris, etc.

5. Anent the supplicatioun given in be the brught of Forterose and Cromartie complaining of thair augmentatioun of the taxt roll imposed vpon thame more att the last generall convention att Abirdaine than was appoynted thaim in anno 1662, and desyreing remeed thair of, the present comissioneris of burroues finds that they ar not in capacitie to grant thair desyre att present, therfor they continou the same to be ane head of the nixt missive; as also recomends the supplication given in be the

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brought of Tayn craveing supplie of the reparatioun of ther Tolbooth and steiple and ane exemption from keeping of generall and particular meetings, and the supplication given be the brought of Bamff craveing supplie for reparation of thair harborie, continoues the same to be ane head of the next missive.

Redres of gri-
vances.

6. The comissioneris that were appoynted to goe to the comissioner his grace to represent thair greivances anent the particulars mentioned in the 33 act of the last generall convention holden att Abirdaine having made thair report that his grace was most willing for to give all his assistance and concurrence for redrese of the saids greivances, ayther by himselfe or in giving assistance to any quhom they shall choyse to make application to his Majestie, and withall desyring that he may have thair reasons and remeedies against the saids greivances in wryt that he may consider thairvpon, therfor they have ordained the broughtis of Edinburgh, Pearth, Dundie, Abirdaine, Stirling and Linlithgow and Glasgow to draw vp reasons against the said greivances to be presented to his grace, and if the samyn cannot be redressed by himselfe they ordaine the brought of Edinburgh to call ane particular convention of the brughis following, to witt, Edinburgh, [and twenty other burghs] to meet att the brought of Edinburgh att quhat tyme they shall think convenient, to quhom they give thair full pouer and comissioun to doe and act in every thing as is mentioned in the said act of the said generall convention att Abirdaine.

Exemptions.
Bamff, Tayne.

7. Granted exemption to the burghs of Bamff and Tayne to abide from all conventions for the space of three years on the usual conditions.

Cheyne, 20
dolleris.

8. Ordained the agent to pay to George Cheyne 20 dollars.

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Proportion,
burrowis,
taxatioun.

AT EDINBURGH the nyynth of August 1665. The comissioneris of burroues that were appoynted to attend the particular convention of burroues and estaites, understanding that there was ane generall taxt imposed vpon the whole kingdome, and finding it necessare that the burroues should knou thair deu proportion thair of that non suffer prejudice, therfor the said comissioneris of burroues by there third act of the said particular conventioun did ordaine thair agent to search the totall of the said taxation and to give everie brought thair proportion thair of

conforme to the taxt roll as it now stands, and becaus thair vther neces-
sar affaires will not permitt them to attend the division thair of therfor
they have ordained thair agent to devyd thair proportion equallie and to
cause insert the same in thair generall register after the subscriyveing of
the book, and the samyn to be subscrivit by the moderatour and ane
extract therof to be given to each brught, quhairanent the said act should
be thair warrand; which search being sua made be the said agent he did
find the totall to amount to the soume of 133,333 lib. 6s. 8d, quhair of
the burroues proportion conforme to the taxt roll extends to the
soume of 22,222 lib. 4s. 6d, quhair of each brughts proportion is as
follows, viz. :—

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Abirdaine . . .	1481	10	0	Gallouay . . .	11	2	6
Air . . .	311	4	0	Hadingtoun . . .	400	0	0
Anstruther Eister . . .	177	15	6	Innernes . . .	488	18	0
Anstruther Wester . . .	66	13	4	Inuerkeithing . . .	111	2	2
Arbroath . . .	100	0	0	Irvine . . .	222	5	0
Annan . . .	22	4	8	Jedbrught . . .	200	0	4
Bruntilland . . .	244	9	0	Inuerurie . . .	33	6	8
Brechan . . .	133	7	0	Kirkaldie . . .	533	6	0
Bamffe . . .	74	1	4	Kinghorne . . .	100	0	0
Coupar . . .	244	9	0	Kirkudbright . . .	177	15	6
Culrose . . .	400	0	0	Killreny . . .	33	6	8
Craill . . .	244	9	0	Kintoir . . .	22	3	0
Cullane . . .	33	6	8	Linlithgow . . .	400	0	0
Cromartie . . .	55	11	6	Lanrick . . .	133	6	8
Dundie . . .	1555	13	0	Lochmabein . . .	22	3	0
Dysart . . .	311	4	0	Lauder . . .	77	15	8
Dumfreis . . .	370	8	0	Montrose . . .	444	10	0
Dumferling . . .	188	18	0	Nairne . . .	44	9	0
Dumbartoun . . .	133	7	0	North Berueik . . .	44	9	0
Dumbare . . .	244	9	0	Pearth . . .	889	0	0
Dinguall . . .	22	5	0	Pettinweyme . . .	148	3	0
Dornock . . .	33	6	8	Peibles . . .	111	2	2
Edinburgh . . .	7999	15	0	Quensferrie . . .	100	0	0
Elgine . . .	148	3	0	Ranfreu . . .	88	18	0
Forffar . . .	44	9	0	Rothsay . . .	66	13	4
Forresse . . .	66	13	4	Rutherglen . . .	44	9	0
Forterose . . .	55	11	6	Stirling . . .	244	9	0
Glasgow . . .	1444	6	0	St Androus . . .	604	13	0

		LIB.	s.	D.			LIB.	s.
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	Wigtoun . . .	155	11	0	Tayne . . .		111	2 2

And ordaines thair clerke to give out ane extract thair of and subscriyve the samyn to the collectour generall and to the agent, to the effect that lettres of horneing and all vtheris executorialis needfull may be direct heirvpon against ilk brught refusing to pay thair proportions, quhairwith they aggrie and consents.

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GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Commission-
ers.

Edinbrughe, Sir Andrew Ramsay, provest, Francis Killock, dean of gild, Arther Temple, and William Grahame; Pearth, Patrick Threapland; Dundie, Alexander Wedderburne; Abirdein, Maister Robert Pettrie, provost; Stirling, James Stevensone; Linlithgow, Robert Stuart, provost; St Androis, Robert Lentron, provost; Glasgow, William Andersone, provost; Air, William Cuninghame, provost; Hadingtoun, William Seaton, provost; Dysart, Maister David Symson; Kirkcaldie, James Law; Monros, Robert Tayler; Coupar, John Barklay; Bruntilland, David Seatone; Inuerkeything, Thomas Thomsone; Kinghorne, John Bruce; Brichane, George Steill; Irving, Robert Cuninghame; Jedburgh, James M'Cubine; Wigtoun, Adam M'Kie; Pittinweem, George Russell; Dumfermling, William Walker; Anstruther Wester, Patrick Borthwick; Selkirk, Robert Elliott; Ramfrow, Robert Hall; Dumbar, James Kellie; Lanrick, Patrick Bissit; Elgin, David Stuart; Peebles, John Plenderleith; Carail, John Dau; Culros, William Pearstone; Whithorne, Alexander Donaldsone; Forfar, David Dicksone; Forres, John Layng; Rutherglen, David Spence; Lauder, Thomas Wood; Sanquhar, Robert Carmichell; Quensferie, Archibald Wilsone. [No commissions from other twenty-four burghs.]

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Moderator.

1. Andrew Ramsay, provost, and first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator.

2. Hours of meeting appointed to be from ten till twelve and from three till six. Same regulations as formerly as to attendance, speaking, and voting.

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Hours of
meeting.

4 July 1666.

3. The comissioneris of the royall burroues mett in a generall convention, taking to thair serrious consideration that Sir William Thomsone, late toun clerk of Edinburgh, was elected clarke to the said convention dureing thair pleasur allenerlie, and that thairby it is in thair pouer to declair the said place vaccant so often as they shall find it meet and expedient for thair service and affaires, and further that the said Sir William Thomsone had willfullie deserted his charge by absenting himselfe and withdrawing his service att this tyme without any lafull cause made knoun to the convention, either be himselfe or any vther persone wpon his behalfe, therfor and for sundrie vther weightie causes moveing thame thairto the said convention declaires the place to be vaccant and att thair disposall, and all acts ane or mae for electing or continuing Sir William Thomsone or any vther former clark to be clark to the said convention to be nou and in all tyme coming voyd and null in the hail heids, articles, and clauses thairof.

Office of clerk
declared
vacant.

4. The convention of the royall burroues of this kingdome taking to thair consideration that be thair act of the daite of thir presents they have declaired the place of clark to the burroues vaccant and att thair disposall, and that necessar it is that the said place be filled with ane able and weill qualified persone, and being sufficientlie informed of the abilities and vther good qualifications of Maister Thomas Young, toun clerk of Edinburgh, for the discharge of the said office, therfor they doe elect, nominat, and appoynt the said Maister Thomas Young to be clark to the said convention of burroues of this kingdome, generall and particular, dureing thair pleasur allenerlie, with all privileges, liberties, and immunitie thairto belonging, with pouer to him by himselfe (or, in caice of his necessar absence upon a sufficient excuse to be allowed of be the convention for the tyme, by such persone as he with consent of the said convention shall appoynt) to [exercise] the said office dureing the tyme foirsaid, and to uplift the fies, dues, and casualities thairto belonging sicklyk and als freelie as any vther clark formerlie did or lafully might have

Young electit
clark.

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done; quho compeired accepted and gave his oath *de fidei administratione*.

Acts to be
heads of next
missive.

5-16. Ordained farther diligence to be done in the following acts of last general convention, and the same to be heads of the next missive:—(5) act 10 as to unfree traders and non-resident burgesses; (6) act 5 as to measure of victual; (7) act 11 as to prosecuting actions against unfree traders; (8) act 9 as to the measure of salt in Montrose; (9) act 15 as to trade and navigation; (10) act 16 as to the conservator; (11) act 17 as to the port of Blacknes; (12) act 18 as to measures of the ell, reall, and foot; (13) act 33 as to trading with France and England; (14) act 23 as to revising the burghs' books; (15) act 20 as to common land of Queensferrie; and (16) act 21 as to Borroustounes.

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Brichane,
gildrie.

17. The commissioners, considering that the remit contained in the 23d act of last general convention, "did take no effect," gave power and commission to the commissioners of the burghs of Pearth, Dundie, Aberdaine, Montrose and Couper in Fyfe to meet at Breichen on the first Wednesday of September next, to hear parties and consider the original rights of the burgh, and to determine the differences between parties as to the constitution of the magistrates and council.

Dumbar har-
borie.

18. Forasmuch as the brough of Dumbar did obtaine ane act of privie counsell for the voluntar contribution towards the repairing of thair harborie, and the convention being informed that seuerall of the broughs had yet made no contribution for that effect, and being sufficientlie convinced of the necessitie thairof, doe thairfoir earnestlie recomend the saids broughs that they make thair collection and pay in the same with all convenient speed to such persons as the said brough of Dumbar shall appoynt for receaveing the same.

Anchrom
ridge.

The lyke act for the burgh of Jedburgh anent the reparatioun of the bridge of Anchrom.

Agent,
accomptis.

19. Ordained the burghs to pay their shares of the agent's accounts, extending to £2227 2s.

Pearth, Queens-
ferrie, Dum-
ferling.

20. The present comissioneris of burroues grants thair consent and approbatioun to the brough of Pearth for setting out of thair millnes, fishings, and Inches to the best avail for the behoove of thair comon good, for the space of three; six, or nyn yeares as they shall find fitt occasion; as

also gives pouer and warrand to the brught of Quensferrie for setting furth of there comon moore to the best availl for the increase of thair comon good for the space of nyntein yeare, and also gives warrand to the brught of Dumferling for setting furth of thair comoun landis and muire to the best availl and increase of thair comon good for the space of fyftein yeares.

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Pearth, Quens-
ferrie, Dum-
ferling.

21. Granted exemptions to the burghs of Forfar, Rutherglen, Ranfrew, Cromartie, and Anstruther Wester to abide from all conventions for the space of five years on the usual conditions.

22. Dissolved the present convention, and appointed the next to be held at Edinburgh in July next.

Nixt conven-
tion.

23. Appointed the burgh of Edinburgh to call a particular convention, when they shall find occasion, to reason and conclude upon all business relating to the estate of burghs.

Particular con-
vention.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

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Edinburgh, Sir Androw Ramsay, Francis Kinloch and John Somervell; Dundie, John Kinloch; Stirling, Alexander Jack; Linlithgow, Robert Miln; Glasgow, William Andersone; Air, Thomas Knight; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cobrain; Kirkaldie, John Whyt; Monros, John Ochterlony; Bruntilland, David Seatoun; Pettinweim, George Russell; Selkirk, William Mitchelhill; Queinsferie, Archibald Wilsone. [No commissioners from twelve burghs].

5 December 1667.

1. Sir Androw Ramsay, provost, and first in commission for Edinburgh, Moderator. elected moderator.

2. The present comissioners of the burrows taking to ther consideratione the severall grivances of the royall burrows quhich ar humble offered to the lords comissioneris of his Majestie thesauric and the remanent lords of his Majesties exchequer, wheranent they desyre such ane redress and remedie as shall be fund consistand with his Majesties interest, the libbertie and freedome of trades, the good, weillfair, and happines of the royall borrows

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Wheras his sacred Majestie followeing the example of his royall predecessoris hes bein graciouslie pleased to declair by seuerall acts of his lait parliament his royall intentione and desyre to promote and advance the interest of navigatione and the tread and merchandice of this his ancient kingdome, and the conventione of burrows being now met, conforme to ther ancient rights and priveledges, to treat and consult tuching the comone good and profite of that estait and the enterest and libbertie of trade and merchandice, which being now vnder ther present consideratione they doe humblie conceave the same to be highlie concerned and prejudged in the particulars followeing, and which being grievances of no les import then the ruine and subversione of trade and merchandice and consequentlie of the estait of royall burroues, they doe with all submissione represent the same to your lordships that such remedies may be prescrywed and resolved wpone as shall be suiteable to the exegence of the caise and agreeable to ther libberties and priveledges grantit to them by his Majestie and his predecessores and confirmed by seuerall laws and acts of parliament of this kingdome.

In the first, the royall burrowes doe humblie represent as ane vnsupportable grivance the imposition of fyftie solze per tun vpon the ships of this kingdome arryveing in France, which being contrair to the vndoubtit libberties and priveledges of this kingdome contained in the ancient leagues concludit betuixt the crownes of Scotland and France and heirtherto inviolablie observed till of lait, it is humblie creaved that your lordship wold represent the same to his sacred Majestie as such and that his Majestie may be graciouslie pleased to take notice therof and to comissionat some persone of honour of this natione to interpose with the Frencie king for taking of the same.

In the nixt place, they humblie represent as a grevance the lait impositione of tuell pound vpone euerie boll of forran salt to be importit vnto this kingdome which as it is prejudiciall to his Majesties custome and excyse so lykvayes to the interest of the royall borrows, ther libbertie of trade and navigatione, and vther ther highest and most [important] priveledges, as is cleirly evicted from the reasones followeing :

(1.) Becaus it doeth so burdine the importe of forraigne salt that any trade therof most prove verie inconsiderable and vnprofitable and vpon the matter non at all, and the same is evidentlie prejudiciall to the

increas and flourishing of navigacione, it being weill knowne to any versant in matters of trade that it is vsuall for maisters of shippes and mariners to carie ships from this kingdome aither without any loadinge at all or at leist without receaveing any fraught therfor, vpon the hops and expectatione of a good fraught homeward, wherin if they wer dis-appointit, as oft tymes they are, ther constant and knowen remeidie wes to loadin ther ships with salt at Rotchal, which wes ane cheap and easie loadening, wherby they made ther returne with some advantage and profit, of which being now depryved by this impositiōne it is imposable that they wold hazard abroad vpon the expectatione of a fraught homeward and so most remaine vnemployed and the merchants most of necessitie mak vse of forraigne bottomis, and that being justlie declaired vnlawfull wher the comodities ar not the product and growth of the places from whence they come it is euidēt that the decay of navigacione and trade and the heauey prejudice of all persones concerned in aither of them ar the naturall and necessar consequences of this impositiōne.

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(2.) Wndir the pretence of this impositiōne, wher forraigne salt shall be imported for the fishings, it will be in the power of the fermerers and others interessēd in the custome to exact from the merchant, makers and currers of fishes, souerties, bands, oaths and others, that they shall imploy the said salt wpon fishings, and then to wex and trouble them for alleidged contrauentions, and vtherways imploing the salt imported to ther great incumbrance and disturbance of ther trade, so that the exceptione of forraigne salt for the vse of fishes from the said impositiōne will be rendered altogither elusarie, the merchand being necessitate reather to forbear altogither the importing of the said salt then to mak himselff lyable to such intangleing sutes and incumbrances which how prejudiciall it will be not onlie to the merchands and traders bot to all persones interessēd in the fishing of this kingdome will easilie appear.

(3.) No vessells that goes to the Illands of Barbados or any other place beyond the lyne can have libbertie to mak vse of forraigne salt to salt thair beeff with, it being the comoditie that is most vsefull and necessar for thes pairts, and which will vndoubtedlie rot and spoill befor it goe beyond the lyn if it be not salted with inland salt, so that of necessitie our merchands most aither send ther vessells to Irland for the samen or then leave of that trade.

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(4.) As the said impositione is highlie prejudiciall to the libbertie of royall burrows and the interest of trad, so lykwayes to the interest of many thousands of the subjects of this kingdome, for it being known vpon experience that the inland salt is onlie maid in few places and that in the midle of the kingdome the samen is not of that consistance as it can be caried or transported to other places of the kingdome of any remote distance, bot when the season is aither rainie or windie the said salt does dissolve and become vseles, whereby many wholl tracts of the more remote countreys, if this impositione of forraigne salt should continow, most neids for want therof be redacted to great extremities which vndoubttille his sacred Maiestie will vpon dew informatione think just to prevent.

(5.) Wndir the pretence of this impositione the lait taxmen of the custome and excyse did extend ther right and power to all forraigne salt takin from the enemies of his Majestie in the lait warrs, and which wes lauffullie adjudged pryce, wheras all other comodities which wer lauffullie adjudged wer conforme to the law and practique of this kingdome frie of all custome, impost, and excyse, and ther is no exceptione of forraigne salt so apprehendit more then of other comodities such as wyne, etc., bot quhat the said tacksmen assumed to themselves without any warrand, and that notwithstanding the King and admirall had receaved ther tents and fyfteints of the said salt no les nor for other pryce goods, and therfore the said tacksmen ought to restore what money or bands he hes receaved for the same, and decist from taking any more in tyme comeing.

(6.) The effect of the said impositione is nothing els bot the monopolizing of the wholle salt, alsweill inland as forraigne, and consequentlie of the wholle fishings of Scotland, in respect it is cleer that this impositione wes privatelie procured from his Majestie by those who have inhansed all or at leist the far greater pairt of the inland salt, the pryce quhairof since the said impositione is by them daylie more and more raised, being now secure from all importatioune of forraigne salt bot quhat shall be importit be themself, and therfor this impositione being a cleer monopolie is to be looked wpone by the laws of this and all other kingdomes as odious in itself and ane inroachment wpone the libertie of the subject.

(7.) The royall borrowes and merchants of this kingdome haveing

formerlie enjoyed by old and ancient priveledges als full and inteir libertie of trade within the kingdome of France as the natives thairof, and quhich being onlie laitlie impaired by the forsaid impositioun wpon ther ships of fiftie solze per tun, the royall borrowes had more then probable confidence, by the interpositione of his sacred Majestie, wpon representatioun of ther priveledges, to obtaine the samen redressed, wheras if the impositione of forraigne salt continow not onlie no such thing can be expected or hoped for but it is more than presumable that the ships and goods of this kingdome shall be daylie burdened with the greater impositiones to the prejudice and ruine of trade, and apparent loss and forfalter of their maney and great priveledges wherinto this kingdome and subjects therof have vndoubtit right in those pairts.

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The conventione of borrowes represents as a grivance the comissione given to David Weemes for vplifting the penalties contained in the fourtie third act of the first sessione of parliament anent the regulateing the breed of lining cloath, at leist as the said comissione is mad vse of be him and his deputs, for wheras the expres words of the said act doe discharge and prohibite all wyvers to make any lining cloath of ten shilling the eln or above vnder the breed of ane elne and tuo inches, and that under the paine to be imprisoned for the space of fourtein dayes and tuentie four pounds Scotts for each falt to be payit to the magistrats of burghes, shereiffs of shyres, lords of regalities, and barrones within ther respectiue bounds, and confiscation of the cloath to be to the vse of the discoverers, yet contrar to the said expres words of the act the said David Weimes doeth connive and vnderhand agree with the saids wyvers in manifest defraud therof, and doeth daylie trouble and molest the merchant traders in lining cloath at ther publict mercats and in goeing to and from the same, seasing and breaking vp ther packs and carieing away ther lining cloath, to ther great prejudice and loss and obstructione of ther trade in that particullar which is ane of the native and cheeff comodities of this kingdom, and that notwithstanding that the saids magistrats of burghes haue bein and are still willing to give him all dew concurrance and assistance in puting the said act to executioun according to the treu intent and purposie therof; and in regaird the said David Weims hes vpon generall lettres charged severall merchand traders and intends maliciouslie to charge others, that

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therfor your lordships may be pleased to recomend to the lords of secret counsell and sessione that they may pas a generall suspensione discharge- ing all forder puting the saids generall lettres to forder executione, and the saids comissioneris of borrowes recomends to the agent to prosecute the said busines.

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Agent accom-
tis.

Kirkcaldie.

3. Ordained the burghs to pay their shares of the agent's accounts extending to £2347, 6s. Scots.

4. Ordained the agent to concur with the burgh of Kirkcaldie in defending an action against them by John Boswell of Optoun "anent the defalcatione of the cesse and other publict burdins."

Campheer,
inventar of de-
ceased factors
estate.

[5. Anent the supplication presented by Robert Sandilandis, cautioner for the deceased Richard Weir, factor in Campheir, and others, his relatives, complaining that his estate was seized upon by some persons in Campheir without inventory thereof being given up to the conservator, the commissioners ordained the following letter to be sent to the magistrates of Campheir :—] Much honored,—Being informed on the behalf of the cautioners of the deceist Richard Weir, factor in Campheer, and of his relationes in Scotland, that the personall and reall estaite of the said Richard is wnwarrantable seased wpon be some persones wnder your jurisdictione without inventar therof given vp to the lord conservatour or his deputs or certifieing them tymouslie of the right disposing of the same, conforme to the custome and practise in the lyk caices of deceaseing Scottish factors, wherby we conceive prejudice may aryse to those concerned in his affaires, thairfore we find it incumbent to ws to represent the premissis in generall and to desyre that ye wold give yowr best concurrence and indeavours to the lord conservatour or his deputs to sie this disalowable intromissione redressed and the defuncts estaite restored to the same conditione it wes the tyme of his decease, that no pairt therof may be imbezilled bot all may be improvwen to the best auail for the benefite and securitie of all persones interessed, and to this intent we haue by comissione authorized the lord conservatour and his deputs to represent to yow the particullar grievances and prejudices relaiting to those affaires, that by yowr assistance the same may be repaired and justice done therin, wherof we expect a speedie and satisfactorie accompt from him, being confident ye will be carefull that no such corrupt seasure on Scottish-

mens estaits, especiallie factoures, without the lord conservatour or his deputs particulair notice and concurrence, be comittit heirefter, wherby ye shall ingadge ws to keep good correspondence with yow and to doe the lyk justice in any caices ye shall recomend to ws, that therby we may prove ourselves, much honored, yowr faithfull freinds and servands. This lettre read in presence of the conventione and approven.

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ceased factors
estate.

The conventione recommends to Sir William Davidson, lord conservatour, to deill with the magistrats of Campheer for redres of the grivances aboue writtin, and that he be carefull that no such unjust seasure be maid wpon the goods of Scottishmen or factours in tyme cumeing.

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6. The lord provest of Edinburgh produceit ane lettere from the magistrats of Campveer, directit to the comissioners of borrows of Scotland, which being read in the conventione they appointit the samen to be insertit in ther register, whereof the tenor followes :—Nobilissimi et amplissimi viri, amici magni et perdilecti : Quemadmodum sancte testari ac profiteri possumus coram summo Deo, cujus vigil oculus precordia nostra lustrat et scrutatur, nihil nobis æque durum et acerbum accidere potuisse, quam, luctuosum et detestabile bellum, nescimus quo fato, inter potentissimum Magne Britanie regem et Rempubicam nostram exortum ; ita exultamus gaudio et gratias immortales agimus supremo numini, quod celesti suo favore et clementia, post tot belli calamitates et diras hominum lanienas, iterum nobis affulgeat diu desiderata pacis scerenitas : libet repetere, quod semel diximus, exultamus gaudio et clara voce exclamamus, VIVAT JEHOVA : Adhæc, si quid vota valent, ex imis sensibus precamur sit inter nos, qui vnum Deum, vnam fidem veneramur et colimus, pax pia, pax honesta in eterna duratura ; jungantur dextre fidei sacre ; simus fratres in Christo ; simus boni socii et vicini ; abeant in morboniam qui inter nos dissinium volunt : deleatur ex animo fideli amnestia omnis offensarum memoria. Si capimur laureis et triumphis, si pruritus est militaris gloria, agedum instituamus novum preliandi genus, et post hac pugnemus fortiter vter alterum officiis et amicitia magis vincat : illic et seges et materies et vberrimelaudis ; illic virtutis campus fateit [pateat] : tam pulchrum tam preclarum certamen spectabit ad salutem et comodum subditorum ad famam gloriosam erit et ad conscientie solidam quietem effica[ci]ssimum. Hisce premissis nostrarum partium putavimus ad supradictum bellum classicum can-

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ere, vosque quam officiosissime rogare et invitare vt civitatem nostram, hinc immemoriali tempore emporium Scoticum fuit, navibus vestris et mercimoniis itrum frequentare dignemini ; certi, quod vos omni humanitatis et benevolentie genere simus excepturi; nec vnquam per nos stabit quominus mutua pacta et conventa religiose observentur. Hæc vti puro et candido affectu pollicemur, per Deum optimum maximum, ex intimo cordis penetrali obsecramur, vt nos, tranquillo et felici rerum statu florentes, qua anima, quo corpore sospitare velit. Valete. Datum Verie Zelandia, ipsis calendis Septembris, anno 1667. Vestri ad quequinque [quequidem] officia paratissimi, consules, scabini et consiliarii predictæ civitatis; et horum speciali mandato, hæc literæ publico sigillo comunite et per me civitatis Syndicum subscriptæ sunt. Sic subscribitur Paulus Andreas van der Meulen.

Most noble and honourable, and our great and well beloved friends, whereas we can holily testify and declare before God most high, whose watchful eye sees and searches our hearts, that nothing could have happened so hard and unpleasant to us as the mournful and detestable war that arose, we wot not by what fate, between the most potent King of Great Britain and our Commonwealth ; so do we exult with joy, and render never ending thanks to God supreme, that by his heavenly favour and clemency now, after so many calamities of war and dreadful butcheries of men, the serenity of peace long wished for again shines forth upon us. Let us repeat, what we have said before, we exult with joy and with cheerful voice exclaim, Praise to Jehovah. Further, if prayers be of any avail, from our inmost soul we pray that between us who worship and revere one God and one faith there may be a godly peace, an honorable peace, that will endure for ever. Let us clasp the right hand of holy faith ; let us be brothers in Christ ; let us be good comrades and neighbours ; let them who wish discord between us go to destruction. Let all recollection of offences be blotted from our hearts with unfeigned forgiveness. If we be captivated with laurels and triumphs, if there be an itch for military glory, come let us begin a new kind of warfare, and henceforward strive earnestly which of us shall prove most victorious in deeds of kindness and friendship. There is the harvest and crop of the richest glory : there lies the field of valour. So fair and glorious a contest will tend to the weal and benefit of the lieges, and be most effectual to win a glorious fame, and a solid peace of conscience. With these observations premised on our side, we have thought it fit to sound the trumpet to the aforesaid war ; and to ask and invite you in the most cordial manner to condescend again to frequent with your ships and merchandise, our city, which from time immemorial has been the Scottish staple port : being assured that ye shall be received with all kind of civility and good will ; nor shall it ever be our fault, that our mutual leagues and

treaties are not scrupulously fulfilled. As we promise this out of a pure and sincere affection, from the innermost recesses of our hearts, we beseech almighty God, that it may be his will for us to receive you as guests in a tranquil and happy state, flourishing alike in soul and body. Farewell.

Given at Vere in Zealand, the 1st of October, the year 1667. Yours in all service, the Burgomasters, Magistrates, and Councillors, and by their special mandate, these letters are sealed with the public seal, and subscribed by me the Syndic of the city. *Sic subscribitur,*

PAUL ANDREW VAN DER MEULEN.

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The convention appoints ane lettere of thanks to be returned to the magistrats of Campveer, whereof the tenor followes:—Amplissimi et spectatissimi viri amici nostri dignissimi, pergratæ omnino nobis semper fuerunt literæ vestræ, nunc vero presertim gratissime, atque eo gratiores, quod tum singularem et pium quendam vestrum dolorem de calamitoso et funesto illo bello, quod ante biennium inter regem nostrum augustissimum et illustrissimos Belgii vestri federati ordines exarsit, tum etiam non minus conspicuam et gratam vestram de bello illo felicissime nunc composito divinæ benignitatis et clementiæ predicationem tam candidam tam liberalem appertissime præ se ferant; ac simul etiam ardentissima vestra vota, vt pacis author. Deus, pacem hanc utrisque nostrum posterisque nostris in vnitæte fidei tum in Deum gloriosum, tum erga nos invicem, non sopita tantum sed penitus extincta omni per id bellum injuriarum recordatione velit esse perpetuam: neque his contenti, provocetis ad novum belli genus ipsa etiam pace longe optabilius, ut suavi amoris ac benevolenticiæ certamine contendamus, utri alteros effectu et officiis superemus. Ecce sponsionem hanc accipimus et læti in arenam vobiscum jam nunc descendentes pollicemur, nos nisi victores nuncquam arma posituros. Curemus æquam vtrique partem, nos vt vincamus, vos ne vincamini, vos classicum cecinistis, nos receptui nunquam canemus. Hinc vtrique rem cum laude peragemus. Nosque primi periculum faciemus humunitatis et equitatis vestræ, et quod est, ni fallimur, etiam officii, ne scilicet, permittatis defunctorum apud vos mercatorum, aut rerum nostrarum ibi procuratorum bona, distrabi et deripi, sine noticia aut consensu domini conservatoris aut deputatorum ejus; quod in bonis defuncti Richardi Weir nuper accedissee, non sine stupore, mandavimus: sed hac de re fusius alia epistola ad dominationes vestras scripsimus, nostrumque de ea sensum vobis

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plenius comunicabit dominus Gulielmus Davidsons, nostrorum in Belgio vestro privilegiorum conservator.

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Most honourable and worshipful, and our most worthy friends, your letters have always been very acceptable to us, and they are now especially so, and so much the more pleasing inasmuch as they very plainly convey both your particular and pious regret for that calamitous and deadly war which two years ago raged between our most august King and the most illustrious states of your United Netherlands, and also your no less evident and grateful observations on the divine clemency and favour, so candid and liberal, in the settlement of that war now most happily ended; and also at the same time your most ardent wishes that God, the author of peace, may be pleased to make this peace perpetual to both of us, and to our posterity in the unity of faith, to the God of glory, and to each other, all memory of the injuries done through that war being not merely laid to sleep but utterly extinguished. Nor content with this, you challenge us to a new kind of warfare, far more desirable even than peace itself, that we should contend in a pleasant contest of love and goodwill, which of us may surpass the other in affection and deeds of kindness. Lo we accept this challenge, and now gladly descending into the arena with you, we promise that unless victorious we shall never lay down our arms. Let our objects be like, ours to overcome, yours not to be overcome; ye have sounded the trumpet, we shall never sound a retreat. Hence we shall both act with reputation. And we shall be the first to make proof of your civility and justice, and which is also, unless we mistake it, part of your duty, to wit, that ye will not allow the goods of merchants deceased with you, or of procurators of our business there, to be distrained and carried off, without the knowledge or consent of the lord conservator or his deputies: which, to our amazement, we have been informed has lately happened to the goods of the deceased Richard Weir. But we have written more largely of that concern in another letter to your worships, and Sir William Davidson, conservator of our privileges in the Netherlands, will more fully communicate to you our sense of that proceeding.

Campveer,
Rotterdam.

7. The convention being informed that some difference is rysin betuixt Robert Andersone in Campveer, depute to the lord conservator, and Thomas Burnet, merchant in Rotterdam, doe appoint the clerk to writt a lettre to the said Thomas in thair names that he carie himself modestlie and descreetlie, and showeing him that the stapl port is still at Campveer and that the nixt meiting of the borrows, which is to be within two monthes, will then declair thair resolutione in that particullar, and that in the mein tyme he mak ane suteable redres for the injuries done by him to the said Robert Andersone.

8. The conventione in regard of the many weightie affairs which neirlie concerne the royall borrows, particullarlie the setling of the staple port, the impositione of the 50 solze, and that of 12 pound wpon the boll of forraigne salt, and vplifting of the penalties wpon lining cloath, all which require a speedy dispatch, thinks fitt that a generall conventione meitt at Edinburgh the first Tuesday of March nixt, and appoints etters to be writtin to the severall burghes for that effect and for reveising the generall missive quich wes last sent to the saids burghes.

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GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

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Edinburgh, Sir Androw Ramsay, Francis Kinloch, and John Somervell; Pearth, Patrik Threeland; Dundie, John Kinloch; Abirdein, Maister Robert Pettrie; Stirling, James Stevinsone; Linlithgow, Alexander Milne; St Andrews, James Weymes; Glasgow, William Andersone; Air, William Cunyngham; Haddingtoun, Maister James Cockburne; Dysert, William Simpstone; Kirkcaldie, John Whyt; Monros, Robert Tailzour; Couper, John Barclay; Dumfreis, James Kennan; Bruntilland, Dawid Seatoun; Innerkeithing, James Bennet; Kinghorne, Robert Cunyngham; Brichan, John Jamiesone; Irving, Robert Cunyngham; Jedburgh, Andrew Ainsley; Dumfermling, Peter Walker; Dumbartoun, John Cunyngham; Dumbar, James Lauder; Elgin, James Calder; Bamff, William Galloway; Nairne, John Fyff; Lauder, Thomas Wood; Sanquhair, Robert Carmichell; Queenisferrie, Archibald Wilsone; Kintoir, Maister James Keith; Innerurie, James Skein. [No commissions from thirty-one other burghs].

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1. Sir Androw Ramsay, provost, and first in commission for Edinburgh, Moderator. elected moderator.

2. Hours of meeting appointed to be from nine till twelve, and from three till six. Same regulations as formerly as to attendance, speaking, and voting. ^{Houris of meit-}ing.

3. The commissioners approved of the draught of a paper to be given in to the exchequer as to the imposition of foreign salt, and directed it to be presented by the lord provost of Edinburgh, and the commissioners of Pearth, Dundie, Aberdein, Stirling, and Glasgow.

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ers, Brichane.

Imposition on
goods to and
from France.

4. There being two commissioners presented by Brichane, the commissioners "forbear the discussing of the validietie of ather of the saids comissiones and dischargis ther sitting with the remanent comissioners of borrowes at this tyme till farder consideratione."

5. The commissioners ordained that so soon as ^{it} convenient and fit person of honour should be found to negotiate for taking away the imposition of "fiftie solze" on the tun of all goods imported and exported to and from France, a particular convention should empower him to do so, and pay him 20,000 merks after the imposition is taken off.

4 March 1668.

Custome on
plaiding.

6. Ordained the agent to complain to the exchequer of "ane double custome exacted wpone the eln of plaiding abone what wes exacted of before past all memorie of man till of laite for some few yeires."

Comon post.

7. The commissioners appointed Androw M'Cur, son of the deceased Androw M'Cur, their late general post, "to be thair comon post and for making of all ther comone warneing and doeing of all other bussiness incumbent to that office, and allowes him all fies, imunities, and casualities quich his predecessors had of before."

5 March 1668.

Conservator.

8. Compeired Sir William Daudsone and produceit a patent from his Majestie vnder the greatt seall appointing him conservatour of the priviledge of the Scotts natione in the Natherlands, and lykewayes a patent of reversione of the said office efter his lyftyme in favours of Peter Daudsone, his sone; which gifts being considered by the borrowes they admitted and receaved the saids Sir William Daudsone and Peter Daudsone, his sone, and allowes them the same fies which wer allowed to Sir Patrik Drumond, laite conservatour; and the said Sir William gaue his oath *de fidei administratione* and engadged to subscribe and obserue the instructiounes to be prescriued by the conventione of borrows and that his sone shall subscribe the same. [Here follow the Instructions similar to those printed *antea*, pp. 188-91].

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Comissione for
setling of the
staple port.

9. The conventione haueing hade severall debaits anent the stepel port, and finding wpone the wholle maner that it is necessar and expedient that some weill qualified and discreit persones be send ower to Holland for setling therof, doeth therefore give power and comissione (his Majesties

allowance and permissione being first hade), to Walter Cheisly and Alexander Sandilands, merchants, burgessis of Ediuburgh, and Patrik Threep-and, merchant, burges of Pearth, or anie tuo of them, to treat, transact, and conclud with the representatives of anie of the sea ports of the united provinces for settling the said staple port wpon the most advantageous considerations and conditions for the good of the borrowes. [Ordaind that they each be allowed twenty shillings sterling per diem, and receive £60 sterling each on leaving.]

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10. Resolved by the conventione that in absence of the principall comissioner the assessor joined in comissione with him shall sitt in his place, treat, and voit in everie thing proposed, sicklyk and als freeilie as the principall comissioner might doe if he wer present.

Commission-
ers, assessors.

11. Ordained the burghs to pay their shares of the agent's accounts, extending to £2967, 9s. 4d. Scots.

Agentis
accomptis.

12. Approved of the admission of Patrick Suittie, son of the deceased Patrik Suittie, sometime factor at Campveer, to be a factor there, on the usual conditions.

Suittie, factor.

13. [Approved of the commission granted to the commissioners to the Netherlands to treat for the most convenient place for a staple port. The commission is inserted in the record together with the following instructions to the commissioners :—]

Commission for
settling staple
port.

Imprimis. Iff it shall graciouslie please his sacred Majestie to leaue it free and arbitrarie to the royall borrows so setle ther staple porte wher they shall judge most expedient, that then and in that caice they shall treat, transact, conclude, and setle wpone the staple porte wher they shall think the same to be most comodiouslie establischd, respect being hade both to the conveniencie of the porte and to the conditiones offerred be the representatives of the burghs and portes with quhom they shall treat, and that they make the first offer to Campveer wher the staple porte wes formerlie establischd, provyding always they conclud not with anie place wpone lesse or worse conditions then wer formerlie agreit wpone with Campveer.

Instructions to
comissioners.

(2) If the Kings Majestie shall determine the place, then the comissioners shall conclude onlie to treat with the representatives of that place wpon the most advantagious conditiones they can obtaine.

(3) Iff the comissioners cannot obtaine from the place determined by

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his Majestie conditiones as those formerlie granted by the lords of Campveer they shall desert the treaty without proceeding to any conclusion.

14. The clerk haueing presentit ane draght of ane letter to be directit to the Earle of Lauderdale to know his Majesties intentione in what sea porte in the Natherlands his Majestie shall think expedient to setle the steple porte, which being read wes approven be the haill comissioneris of borrowes and ordained to be insert in ther generall register and ordained to be sent be the moderator and clerk, of the whilk letter the tenor follows:—Right Honorabill,—The setling of the staple porte being a mater of very great concerne to the royall borrows, and they haueing resolved to send some comissioners to the Natherlands in ordour to the establisching therof, they are humblie intres to your lordship that youe may obtaine his Majesties permissione and allowance to ther comissioners to treat and conclude with any of the sea ports and burghs of the Natherlandis they shall judge most fit and comodious for erecting ther steple porte therat, bot if his Majestie shall by his ovne royall pleasure determin the place, the conventione in that caice hath given instructions to the comissioners that they preciselie folloue his Majesties prescript. So in-treating your lordships answer to be returned to the lord provest of Edinburgh so soon as your lordships greater effaires will allow, and creaveing pardon for this trouble and addres, we rest.

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15. [The commissioners ratified and approved of the following decreet arbitral:—]At Brichan the fyft day of September j^m vj^e threescoir sex yeires, whilks day, met and conveined at the said burgh the severall comissioneris of the borrowes efternamed, appointed and willed be the last generall conventione of borrowes met at Edinburgh in Julij j^m vj^e and sextie sex yeires to meit at Breichan for taking notice of and rectifieing the difference betuixt the merchants and others of the said burgh, to witt, for the burgh of Pearth, Patrik Threepland, provest; Dundie, George Flescher, bailzie; Abirdein, Maister Robert Pettrie, provest; Montrose, Robert Tyler, provest; Coupar, John Barclay, bailzie; who being met as said is, for ther more orderlie procedour in the mater vndir specifiet haue nominat and chosen the provest of Pearth as precese in the said meiting,

and the saids comissioneris haue nominat and chosen John Spence, toun clerk, as ther clerk to serve in the said meiting, who hes given his aith *de fidei administratione*. In the whilk meiting compeared severall of the merchands of Brichan, for themselves and in name of the hail remanent merchands petitioners in the mater wnderwritten, and gave in to the saids honorabill comissioners a petitione, the speciall heids and clauses wherof followes, to witt, . . . that the merchands of the burgh of Brichan haue beine much incroached on in ther merchandizings, both by persons entering the toun and setting wp chops to ther great prejudice, and be chopmen and others in landward places dryving that same tred, both seling steple comodities, and manie more wrongs; for remedie of which haue supplicat that according to the laws of this kingdome and laws of borrowes ther magistrats and counsell may be established as other royall burghes, to witt, that the counsell of the said burgh may be constitute of that competent number the saids comissioners thought fitt for this pleace, of which number that actuall merchands, shope keepers, may be the major pars, and that the saids comissioners might give a fair distinctione of persones who aught to be estimat merchants in tyme comeing, be want of which the counsell heirto hes bein wronged, and that these persons quho appeir as wilful opposers of the priviledge of merchants doe not assume to them the name of merchants; and the counsell and magistrats so constitute, that at the next electione and yeirlie in all tyme comeing ther may be a dean of gild nominat and chosen quho may haue power to creat members of court and call and keep courts and sie to the weill of merchandizing and doe everie other thing requisit [that may] come wnder ther cognicence; and further, be ane adicinall desyre and petitione that ther may be a coram appointed of the counsell, and that the counsell who wes addit since the last electione, being a treadsman, without the wots of the most of the said counsell might be removed. Efter the said petitione bearing the fairsaids desyres wes presentit and publictly read in the forsaid meiting, the fairsaids comissioners called and requyred all pairties haueing interest in the burgh to appeir and say and declair what they have to oppose to the said petitione and the desyres therof, compeired therefore severall persones of the counsell, to the number of sevin or eight, who creaved the said petitounne to be sein and answered be them, and hauing a competent tyme ansuered them be ther ovne

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consent, gave in be way of ansuers these repleys followeing, the substance and heids wherof followes, to witt : Whereas the petitioners mentione the just ground of ther complaints to the honorabill conventione, it wes replied and ansuered that how soon it wes noticed be the counsell ther wes ane effectuall course taken for removeall [of] the ground of ther grivance, offering them all restrents possable in anie quho should injure them in ther priveledge ; in ansuer to that article anent seting wp shops for seling staple comoditie, that they know not who hade beine suffered to doe so bot on or tuo, and that in tyme comeing non shall be allowed to doe so without consent of the magistrats, counsell, and merchants, and for incroaching without the toun it hes bein offerred and shall be gone about that the law shall be execute against such ; and to that desyre creaveing the comissioners be ther decreit may ordaine that at the nixt electione of the counsell, the nixt occatione and in time comeing, the counsell may [be] constitute of that certane number the comissioners thinks fitt, it wes ansuered that the saids comissioners should haue als much power of them in that as in all other things concernes them as in anie partie that can complaine, bot that the counsell be made wp of the ablest men, and declaired they knew no able merchandizing men bot who wes alreadie a member of the counsell, and that they made wp alreadie the major pars, and withall condiscending that the saids comissioners should haue power to regulat in this place as to the number ; and to that pairte of the desyre creaveing to be wndeceived of the various distinctione of the merchands, it wes ansuered that the terms wes obscure and that they esteemed non merchands bot those who are so made ; and to that desyre that the willfull opposers of the priveledge of the merchants should not asume that name, it wes ansuered that ther wes non such in this pleace ; and to the maine thing of the petitione, whilk is the upshote of all, that a dean of gild, a merchant treader, be the nixt electione and in all tyme comeing be chosen, impowered to creat members of court, call and keep courts, it wes replied that, with submissione, in this place since its first erectione ther wes never such a thing and [na] expedience for it at this tyme, this place haueing no maritan tread considerable, and without which merchandizing hes bein weell with this want alsweill as this pleace. At the returne of whilk petitione and ansuers made therto in maner foirsaid, subscribed be the seuerall partities presenters therof, the saids comissioners againe desyred and requyred if

any of the pairties hade anie more to say, who declaired they hade no more bot what wes given in wnder ther hands ; therfore the saids comissioners did call for and requyre fra the magistrats the originall rights and wryts of the said burgh to be seine and considered be them conforme to the ordinance of the said generall conventione of borroues, whilks wer according to ther desyre exhibite and produceit, at least some of them, to witt, three old chartors, with a gift from King Charles the First, of ever blessed memorie, to the said burgh, confirmeing to the nature of old chartouris granted to the said burgh of ther priviledges as a royall burgh, with a power to them to chose ther ovne magistrats in tyme comeing, wherin ther is speciallie a dean of gild mentioned, as also produceit ane act of parliament in anno 1641 followeing on the said gift beareing the same heids and clauses. The whilk petitione and reasones therof, with the reply and anser forsaid maide thairto, as being all that either of the saids pairties hade to say in the mater, being read and deliberatlie and seriouslie considered be the said comissioners, and they being fully and ryply advysed therwith, and haueing read, seine, and considered the fairsaids rights and wryts, quhairby they find the said burgh of Breichan wes a royall burgh wherto wes given the priveledges of a royall burgh in electing ther magistrats and dean of gild as befoir mentioned, the fairsaids comissioneris with one consent and assent, conforme to the ordour and act of borrowes of the dait forsaid, did, for amicable setleing of all the differences betuixt the saids pairties and the burgessis therof in all tyme comeing, and for avoiding stryff, debaite, or anie ground of contentione in all tyme heirefter, and conforme to that pairte of the said act impouring them to determine in the maters forsaid contravertible betuixt the differing pairties of the said burgh of Breichan, did decerne and ordaine, and be thir presents decerns and ordains that at the nixt electione of the burgh of Breichan, and yeirlie at elections in all tyme comeing in the said burgh, ther shall be strictlie kepted and observed without the least change or seiming alteratione these rewles following, to witt, that the number of the counsell, magistrats, and vtheris who shall haue voice, shall consist of the number of threttein onlie, wherof ther shall be still eight of the threttein such as aither hes beine or [are] actuall trafficquing merchants or maltmen who are not incorporat within anie other handie craft, and if any be on the counsell presentlie wnder the name of merchands or

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maltmen who are of any of the treads, or meits with them, that they are heirby obleidged before they can be leited as counsellors for the merchands, to renunce the said tread both before the collectour and meiting of treads, as also in presence of the counsell, and that the said threttein shall not leit anie to be magistrats but these who are merchands traffiquers, and that at the said nixt electione; and in all tyme coming ther shall be chosen out of the saids merchands counsellors so leited ther magistrats conforme to ther ancient customs, with ane dean of gild, thesaurer, and ane maister hospitall; and the said dean of gild is heirby declaired invested, impoured, als fullie and frelie in all respects as any royal burgh in this kingdome, with all power, right, and priviledge that is or can belong therto in anie other royall burgh as saidis; and that of the said threttein of the counsell in all tyme comeing sevin shall be a quorum, the haill counsellors being alwayes saited aither personallie or at ther duelling houssis to keep each counsell day; with this provisione alwayes that the said deane of gild and his counsell shall not haue power to quarrell, stope, or impede anie burges receeding within the toun and beareing burding with the rest of the burgh, whither merchant or treadsman, alreadie maid in ther priviledge, that is can not challeng them nor force them or aither of them to enter of new againe as burgessis or pay anie thing to the gild box; and the saids comissioners ordaines that thir presents shall stand in force in all tyme comeing for the rewle and governement of the said burgh.

Particular
convention.

16. The convention empowered the lord provost of Edinburgh to call a particular convention of the next adjacent burghs, to the number of twenty-three, with full power to settle any emergent business.

Nixt general
convention.

17. Dissolved the present meeting, and appointed the next general convention to be held at Edinburgh in July next.

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10 August
1668.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

10 August 1668.

Edinburgh, Sir Androw Ramsay, Francis Kinloch, and John Somervell; Pearth, John Glase; Dundie, John Kinloch; Aberdeine, Alexan-

der Alexander ; Linlithgow, Robert Milne ; Glasgow, John Wakeingschaw ; EDINBURGH.
 Kirkcaldie, John Whyt ; Monros, Robert Rennald ; Kinghorne, James 10 August
 Wood ; Selkirk, William Mitchellhill ; Lauder, John Maitland ; Queenis- 1668.
 ferrie, Archibald Wilsone ; (twelve burghs *blank*).

11 August 1668.

1. Sir Androw Ramsay, provost, and first in commission for Edinburgh, Moderator.
 elected moderator.

2. The clerk being unable, through sickness, to attend the convention, Cheyne, clerk.
 George Cheyne, writer in Edinburgh, was appointed to act as clerk at this con-
 vention.

12 August 1668.

3. [The moderator] presentit three letteres direct to him from the comis- Letteres, Dort,
 sioners for the borrowes in the Natherlands in relatione to the setling of staple port.
 the staple port, with ane attestatiōne of four Scotts skippers anent the
 bringing wp of shippis to the toun of Dort, quihich wer publictlie read in
 presence of the saids comissioners, quhilks lettres with the attestatiōne
 wes appointed to be kept in retentise by thair clerk.

4. Ordained such burghs as shall happen to be present in Edinburgh with Selkirk, agent
 the agent to assist the burgh of Selkirk "in defence and maintenance of ther concurrance.
 just right and libertie of the burgh in manteining ther comone good quhich is
 violentlie inroached wpon by the laird of Hayning."

13 August 1668.

5. Forsameikle as ther being three letters read from ther comissioners Protestationes,
 now in the Natherlands anent the setling of the staple porte in some staple at Dort.
 convenient place ther, quhich some of ther number conceived that they
 by ther saids letters intend to setle the said staple at the toun of Dort,
 which they conceive not to be ane convenient pairte in respect of the
 difficultie of carieing wpp shippis to the said toun of Dort, compeired
 Alexander Alexander, comissioner for the burgh of Abirdeine, and entered
 his disasent anent the setling of the said staple porte at the said toun of
 Dort or Rotterdam in respect of the inconveniencies of the saids ports,

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1668.

Protestationes
staple at Dorte.

Comissioners,
staple port.

and protestit that they should not be holden or obleidged to carie ther comodities thither bot to Campveer or any other place they think most convenient, and for the reasones given in in wryt and requyred to be recorded in ther generall register, and therwpon askit act and instrumentis; lykeas the comissioneris for the burghes of Monrose and Kingborne entered their disasent and protestit in maner abone writtin, and therwpon askit act and instruments.

6. [Approved of the following letter to the commissioners to the Netherlands as to the staple port]:—Much honored. Wee being heir met in ane particular conventione about seuerall businessis of the borrowes concerne, the lest therof wes not the affair the ane imployed about the setling of the staple, the provest of Edinburgh hes produced three of your letters narrating your wholle proceeding quhich we cannot bot say haith bein gone about with all care and dilligence, yet supposing this might come to your hands before any conclusion, yet we thocht it proper for ws to tell yowe that the sense of this meeting wes much les for Dort then aither of the other tuo, Rotterdam or Campheer, bot not haueing it in our pour to say forder, being confident yow will so act in that mater as ye will be able to give a good accompt of that trust the generall convention hes reposed in yowe, we wish yow a happy close aud saffe returne and bids youe fairweill, and rests. Quhich lettre being read in presence of the said particular conventione they did approve thair of and ordained the samen to be subservyed be ther clerk in ther names and direct with the first occatione.

Complaint,
Glasgow
against Ram-
frew.

Concurrence,
agent.

Heads of mis-
sive.

Greevances.

7. Ordained the burgh of Ramfrew to answer at next general convention the complaint of the burgh of Glasgow against them for admitting burgesses not resident in the burgh.

8. Ordained the agent to concur with the burghs of Aberdeine and Linlithgow “in prosecutiones of ther actiones to be intentit be them against burghes of barronies nixt adjacent to ther respective burghes for vsurping the priviledgis of royall burghs.”

9. Continued the whole heads of last general missive to be discussed at next general convention.

10. Ordained that application be made to the exchequer or treasury for redress “anent the greivances given in to the burrowes in reference to the prohibition wpon staple goods and great prejudice therto by the bullione.”

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
16 March 1669.

Edinburgh, Sir Androw Ramsay, Francis Kinloch, and John Somervell; Perth, Patrick Threepland; Dundie, John Kinloch; Stirling, Alexander Jack; Air, Thomas Knight; Haddingtoun, John Sleith; Dysert, William Simpstone; Kirkcaldie, David Duirrie; Bruntland, David Seatoun; Queinsferie, Archibald Wilsone; (fifteen burghs *blank*).

16 March 1669.

1. Sir Androw Ramsay, provost, and first in commission for Edinburgh, Moderator. elected moderator.

2. The office of clerk being vacant through the decease of Thomas Young, Rocheid, clerk. the commissioners appointed Thomas Rocheid, town clerk of Edinburgh, to act as clerk till next general convention.

18 March 1669.

3. The present comissioneris of borrowes finds it expedient and necessar that ane missive be direct to the haill particular borrowes narrating that wher the comissioners sent by the last generall conventione to the Low Cuntreys for setling the Scots steple thair haveing compeired befor the said particullar conventione called of purpos to receave ane accompt of ther dilligence in that negotatione and affair, and haveing read and considered the articles of agreement betuixt the citie of Dorte and them anent the setling of the Scots staple ther, they find the saids articles to be both honorabill and advantageous, and the deportment and cariage of their saids comissioners to have bein wyse, prudent, and deliberat, and werie much for the honor, profeite, and weifair of the borrowes of this kingdome, and declaires that in ther opinione and judgement the saids comissioners oght and should have the approbatione and thanks of the generall conventione; and to the effect and intent that the citie of Dorte may not conceave ane ewil opinione of the borrowes of this natione, we haveing fullie concludit with ther comissioners anent the setling of the Scotts stapl amongst them, the conditiones wpone the pairt of the borrowes of Scotland should be violated and brocken which wold prove ane

Dort, staple
port.

EDINBURGH.
18 March 1669.
Dort, staple
port.

undealable mark of levietie and wnconstancie wpone them, and render them contemptable and not to be trustit in ther pactiones and contracts with forraigne nations; therefore they think it most fitt for the present and ay and quhill the generall conventione meet in Julij nixt to recomend and enjoyne the observationes of the saids articles with Dorte, and that non of the royall burrowes send ther staple comodities to any other place in the Low Cuntreyes then to the said citie of Dorte, and that wnder such penalties and with such certificationes as are contained in the acts of parliament, secret councell, and statuts of borrowes; and ordaines ther generall clerk to subscribe thir presents and send heirin inclosed the act of secret councell.

Stirling against
Pearth, bur-
gesses.

4. Anent the supplication on behalf of the guild brethren of Stirling against the magistrates of the burgh of Pearth, ordained the agent to concur in enforcing the acts of parliament and burghs as to non-resident burgesses.

Instructions to
conservator.

5. The commissioners to the Netherlands produced the instructions to the conservator subscribed by Peter Davidson.

Commissioners'
fies.

6. The accounts of the commissioners to the Netherlands to be submitted to next convention.

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6 July 1669.

Commissioners.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, Sir Androw Ramsay, Francis Kinloch, John Somervell; Pearth, Patrick Threepland; Dundie, George Broun; Stirling, Alexander Jack; Linlithgow, Alexander Milne; St Andrews, Robert Lenton; Glasgow, William Andersone; Air, Thomas Knight; Haddingtoun, John Sleith; Dysert, William Simpstone; Kirkcaldie, John Whyte; Monros, Robert Ronnald; Couper, John Barclay; Dumfreis, Stevin Irving; Innernes, Alexander Cuthbart; Bruntland, David Seatoun; Kinghorne, James Wood; Jedburgh, Androw Ainslie; Kirkcudbright, John Glendinler; Wigtoun, William M'Kie; Pittinweem, George Russell; Dunfermline, Peter Walker; Selkirk, William Mitchelhill; Ramfrew, Robert Pollock; Dumbar, Robert Pringle; Lanrick, Patrick Bissett; Elgin, James Caddell; Peibles, Alexander Williamsone; Craill, John Daw; Taine, John Forrester; Culros, John Brounsyd; Banff, Mr George Stewart; Whithorne, John M'Kie; Forfar, David Dickiesone; Nairne,

James Tulloch ; Forres, Patrick Tulloch ; Northberwick, Alexander Home ; Cullane, William Ord ; Queenisferrie, James Hill ; Kirkwall, James Moncreif ; (twenty-four burghs *blank*). EDINBURGH.
6 July 1669.

6 July 1669.

1. Sir Androw Ramsay, provost, and first in commission for Edinburgh, Moderator. elected moderator.

2. The commissioners elected Mr James Rocheid, town clerk of Edinburgh, Rochied, clerk. to be general clerk of the burghs during their pleasure, in room of Mr Thomas Young, deceased.

7 July 1669.

3. The present comissioneris of borrowes taking to ther consideratione that the comissioners imployed for settling the staple port in the Natherlands having made report to the particular conventione holden in March last of ther agreement with Dort and produced the articles of the said agreement quihich was recomended be the said particular conventione to this present generall conventione for ratification therof, the present comissioners of borrowes ratefies and approves the settling of the said staple port at the said toun of Dordrecht and of the haille transactiones of ther comissioners in relatione therto, and ordaines the saids articles¹ to be registrat in ther generall register be ther generall clerk. Approbatione,
staple port.

4. Ordained the burghs to pay their shares of the expenses of the comissioners sent to the Netherlands in regard to the staple port, extending to £600 sterling. Expenses, com-
missioners,
staple port.

5. Ordained the burghs to pay their shares of the agent's disbursements, extending to £3000 scots. Agents
accmpts.

6. It being not convenient to alter the tax roll at the present time, the consideration of it was continued till next general convention. Taxt roll.

8 July 1669.

7. In presence of the present comissioners of borrowes compeared James Moncreife, comissioner for the toun of Kirkwall, and presentit ane supplicatione to the saids comissioners, mentioneing that quhair the said burgh wes erected in ane burgh royall be King James the Third, of blessed Inrollment,
Kirkwall.

¹ See Appendix No. I.

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Inrollment,
Kirkwall.

memorie, and the rights and priviledges therof ratified by King James the Fyft, yit the said burgh hes bein violentlie kepted from the enjoy- ing of ther liberties and priveledges by the continewall oppresione the said burgh hes lyin wnder by the Earles of Orknay and since by these quho succeeded in ther rights to the said earldome, greatlie occationed by the remotnes of that place from law and justice, quhich hes put the said burgh in ane wncapacitie throw ther povertie to attend the borrowes meetings, and now it haveing pleased his sacred Majestie so much to concern himself in the said poor burgh as by ane signatour wnder his royall hand past in exchequer, and ane chartour expعاد therwpon wnder his Hienes great sealle, as to ratifie all the former rights and priviledges granted be his royall predicesores to the said burgh, and to give ane *novodamus* or new erectione therof; efter obtaineing of the quhich chartour the said burgh, vpon rescentment therof, conceaveing themselves ingadged to wait vpon all publict meetings quhairin aither his Majestie or the borrowes are concerned (albeit by the forsaid chartours, both old and new, the said burgh in respect of ther remotnes from thir south places and thair povertie are dispensed with for thair absence) are content to waite on all meetings so that the borrowes by ther patrocinie and assistance may prevent such oppresiones, desyreing therfore, conforme to his Majesties signatur and chartour of erectione and *de novodamus* followeing thairon in anno 1661,* the said burgh of Kirkwall might be inrolled amongst the number of free royal burghes of this kingdome and to beare all portable charges with them in tyme comeing as to ther abilitie and power they might, as at lenth is contained in the said supplicatione, wherwith the saids comisioners being ripplie advysed, and the comonweill of ther estaite weill fore- seine, and the right fairsaid of the said burgh being dewlie and exactlie considered, they all in one voice ordained the said burgh of Kirkwall to be inrolled be ther clerk amongst the number of royall burrowes of this kingdome conforme to the tenor of ther erectione and confirmatione proceeding therwpon; lykeas they be thir presents accepts, reseaves, and inrolls the said burgh of Kirkwall as said is, and ordaines them to have place conforme to ther inrollment in all generall and particular conven- tions and to be wairned therto conforme to the ordour vsed in such caices.

* 15 May 1661. Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. lxiii., No. 60.

8. The commissioners approved of the admission of Thomas Burnet, merchant, burges of Aberdein, to be a factor for the nation at the staple port, on the usual conditions. EDINBURGH.
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Burnet, factor.

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9. Granted exemptions to the burghs of Nairne, Forres, Northberwick, Cullen, Whithorne, and Week, authorising them to abide from all conventions for three years. Also ordained the agent to concur with Nairn in preventing the intention of the lairds of Park and Kinnowdie to keep a weekly market at Aldearne and for redressing of the injury done by Captain Arnot and his company to the burgh. Exemptions,
Nairne, etc.,
markets.

10. The present comissioneris of borrowes taking to ther consideratione that many of the comissioners that comes to conventiones doeth not stay till the book is subscryved, and that therthrow Androw M'Cuir, ther post, is frustrat of any gratuitie dew to him for keeping the door and waiting wpone the borrowes, the present comissioneris of borrowes hes thought fitt that each comissioner in all tyme coming at ther giving in of ther comissiones that they shall give in ther allowance and gratuitie to the said Androw M'Cuir, ther post, the least not being wnder ane shilling sterling. Act, M'Cuir,
post.

11-13. The commissioners approved of the admission of Daniel Wilkie, son of the deceased David Wilkie, late dean of guild of Edinburgh, James Riddell, son of James Riddell, merchant, burges of Edinburgh, and John Jack, merchant in Rotterdame, to be factors for the nation at the staple port, on the usual conditions. Wilkie, Riddell
and Jack,
factors.

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14. Ordained the proportion and quota of Kirkwall in the tax roll to extend to twelve shillings in the hundred pounds, and the following burghs, on account of their great decay and deep poverty, to be relieved thus :—Dysert 4s., Taine 2s., Dumbar 4s., Whithorne 1s., and Nairne 1s. Quota Kirk-
wall.

15. The conventione taking to consideratione the memoriall and supplicatione of Sir William Davidstone, conservatour, as also the supplications of seuerall factors in Dort, and the missive lettre from Maister Arnote, keeper of the consergerie house ther, quich haill bills and papers conteines mutuall complaints one against another, and also wpone the Conservator,
factors, acts of
borrowes.

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Conservator,
factors, acts of
borrowes.

mutuall dewties the factors owes to the conservatour and the conservatour to them, and both ther dewties to the merchands and the merchands dewties to tham, and all of them ther dewties to the conventione of borrowes, tending in the hail for the good of the natione and merchant estaite in setling of the Scots staple in the Lowe Countreys, and finding that ther is alreadie many notable acts of borrowes maid in relatione to the foirsaidis particulars, and that ther is no better and effectuall course for the present then to put the saids acts to executione, wherby everie one of the foirsaidis interests might know ther dewtie one to another, therefore the conventione statuts and ordaines that the wholl acts anywayes relating to the said staple may be drawin out and of new ratified, bot in respect the samen are numerous and cannot presentlie be hade in readienes to be inacted, therefore they ordaine ther clerk to extract and draw them furth betuixt and the [blank] day of [blank] j^m vj^c sextie nyne yeires, and which acts being sua drawn furth and put together the conventione ratifies and approves and ordaines the samen to have such auctorite and sanctione as if they wer particularlie inacted at this present conventione.

Ratificatione,
clerks of Glas-
gow.

16. Compeared Peter Gamill and James Ferrie, present bailies of Glasgow, and presentit anc gift *ad vitam* of the toun clerkship of Glasgow in favours of William Yair and George Andersone and craved the conventiones approbatione and ratificatione therof, the which gift the conventione ratifies and approves and dispensiss with all former acts of borrowes dischargeing burghes to give gifts *ad vitam* to ther clerks wndir quhatsumeuer penalties, and in particular the act of the conventione of borrowes made at Dysert in anno 1593 made anent choyseing clerks, and remits and discharges to the toun of Glasgow of all penalties contained in the foirsaid acts in all tyme comeing, and declaires that it shall be lawfull to any of the royall burrowes to grant gifts *ad vitam aut culpam* to the respective clerks.

Act anent the
staple port.

17. The same day, statuts and ordaines for the better preservacione of the Scotts staple now settled at Dort, that no staple comodities be transported to any pairte of the seventein provinces bot to the toun of Dort, and in particular dischairges and prohibits all merchants of this kingdome to carie thair staple goods to Rotterdam whither the same be in coall ships or other vessells, with certificatione the samen shall be escheat.

Concurrence
borrowis to
Linlithgow.

18. The conventione taking to ther consideratione the supplicatione

presentit to them be the burgh of Linlithgow craveing ther concurrence and assistance in the proces depending before the lords of counsell and sessione at ther instance against the unfree toun of Borrowstounes for vsurping and incroatching wpon ther priviledges, the conventione finds that the petitioners caice and the event of ther proces is of generall concernement to all the royall borrowes in vindicating ther priviledges against burghes of regaltie, barronie, villagies, clachine touns and other wnfree places, therefore declaires that they will doe ther utmost endeavour to obtene at the nixt enseweing parliament such acts as may remeid and suppres the incroatchments and invasiones made by the fairsaids wnfree places wpon the rights and priviledges of royall borrowes, to the effect that merches being cleirly sett betuixt free and wnfree plaices the fairsaids abussis and grivances quhair wnder the free borrowes hes lyen this many yeires may be at last put to a finall cloise, and to that effect ther may be overtours and propositiones in readdienes to be presentit to the enshewing parliament, and the conventione appoints the agent, with the concurrence of Edinburgh, Perth, Linlithgow and Glasgow to advyse and consult with lawiers anent the framing and pening of such overtours as may best conduce therto or to the good of the merchants estaite.

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Concurrence
borrowis to
Linlithgow

19. The same day, for the bettir distinguishing and puting difference betuixt those goods that are staple goods and those that are not, the conventione statuts and ordaines that the comodities and wairs wnderwrittin shall be reckoned, holden, and repute staple goods in all tyme coming, viz., first, skinns of all sorts, hyds of all sorts, plaiding and all that is made of ould, the salmond, the tallon, the beef, and no others shall be repute staple comodities.

Staple
comodities.

20. The commissioners recommended the burgh of Linlithgow to pay to Act, Linlith-Marcus Mowat, merchant in Kirkcaldie, the price of seven barrels of soap seized by Linlithgow in Burrowstounes in April 1654. gow, Mowat.

21. Authorised the agent to concur with and assist Ramfrew in prosecuting the lairds of Duchall and Hapland for the violent possessing of their common lands, and, Ramfrew being reduced to poverty, to do this on the burghs' expenses to the extent of twenty dollars. Act Ramfrew.

13 July 1669.

22. Ordained that the commissioners chosen for next parliament be "actuall Act anent
comissioneris.

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Act anent
comissioneris.

Act ordaining
clerk to send
four missives.

trafficking merchands, recidenters within ther burghs, bearing all portable charges with ther nighbours, and such as may tyne or win in all ther caussis ;" and ordained each burgh to keep the parliament on 19th October next and the convention on the 14th of same month.

23. The conventione appoints ther clerk to draw wp and pen the lettres efter followeing in name of the conventione, viz., ane lettre by way of anser to a missive direct to them from the toun of Dorte in ordour to the settling of the Scotts steple ther, and of ther willingnes to performe ther pairte of the agreement ; as also ane other lettre by way of anser to Sir William Davidsons lettre to the conventione conteineing seuerall particulars relating to the said steple at Dort ; item, ane third lettre in anser to the toun of Campheer ther missive to the conventione ; as also ane fourt lettre to the Bishop of Breichane anent the conventions delay to extract a decret in favours of the merchants of Brechane ; all which they ordaine ther clerk to extend at lenth according to the materiall heads this day red and condescended wpone at the conventione ; and ordaines the samen lettres with all expeditione sua formallie drawin wp and enlarged to be sent forward as they are directed subscriyved be ther clerk in ther names.

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Act, George
Cheyne.

24. The present comissioneris of borrowes taking to ther consideratione the long service of George Cheyne, ther depute clerk, ordaines ther agent to pay to him the soume of four hundreth merks Scotts by way of advance.

Recomenda-
tione, contri-
butions.

25. The present comissioners of borrowes recomends to the wholle comissioners of burghes that they will contribute a favourable supplie to the burghes of Bruntlyland, Kinghorn, and Culros, for reparatione of ther harbories, and to Forres for reparatione of thair tolbuith, and to Nairne for reparatione of thair bridge, and this to be ane heid of the missive to the 14 day of October.

Nixt conven-
tion.

26. Dissolved the present convention, and ordained the next general convention to be held at Edinburgh in July next.

Note.—The commissioner for Kinghorne adds after his signature :—"Excepting what ralatis to the ordour for carieing staple goodis in bottomis which can not goe by sea to Dort."

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
14 October
1669.

Edinburgh, Sir Androw Ramsay, Francis Kinloch, and Arthur Temple; Pearth, Patrick Threeland; Dundie, George Forrester; Aberdeen, Maister Robert Petrie; Stirling, James Stevensone; Linlithgow, Robert Milne; St Andrews, John Geddie; Glasgow, William Andersone; Air, William Cunyngham; Haddingtoun, John Hay; Dysert, Henrie Beatie; Kirkcaldie, John Whyt; Monrose, John Tailyor; Cowper, John Barclay; Dumfries, John Irving; Innernes, Finlay Fraser; Bruntlyland, David Seatoun; Innerkeithing, James Bennet; Kinghorne, James Wood; Brechan, James Strachane; Irving, Robert Cunyngham; Jedburgh, John Rutherford; Kirkcudbright, John Glendining; Wigtoun, William M'Kie; Pittinweem, Henry Wilkie; Dumfermling, Peter Walker; Selkirk, Patrick Murray; Dumbartoun, Walter Watsone; Ramfrew, Robert Pollock; Dumbar, James Lauder; Lanrick, Patrick Bisset; Arbrothock, Henrie Fishie; Elgin, James Caldell; Peibles, John Plenderleith; Taine, Walter Ross; Banf, William Cuming; Whithorne, Alexander M'Culloch; Forfar, James Carnegie; Nairne, Mr Alexander Ross; Forres, Patrick Tulloch; Rutherglen, James Riddell; North Bervick, Sir Andro Ramsay; Cullane, John Baird; Lauder, John Maitland; Killrennie, Gidion Murray; Annan, William Graham; Lochmaben, William Crame; Sanquhar, Robert Carmichall; Galloway, Maister Robert Dickson; Dornoch, Alexander Ross; Queenisferie, Archibald Wilsone; Cromertie, Thomas Urquhart; Innerurie, Maister James Elphingstoun; Anstruther Ester, Anstruther Wester, Craill, Culros, Rothesay, Dingwall, Innerarie, Forterose, Kintoir, Week and Kirkwall (*blank*).

14 October 1669.

1. The right honourable Sir Androw Ramsay, provost of and first in com-
mission for Edinburgh, elected moderator. Ramsay, mode-
rator.

19 October 1669.

2. The convention, taking to consideratioun that the priviledges,
liberties, and freedoms of estate of royall burrows is cleirly asserted by
Generall advo-
cats for the
burrows.

EDINBURGH.
19 October
1669.

Generall advocats
for the
burghs.

known and determined lawes alredie enacted, sua that there remains nothing but the putting of the samen lawes to executioun, which by neglect and carelesnes of some particular burghs hes suffered seuerall invasiones to be made vpon their freedome by vsurped and wnjust interestes, the conventione being sensible of such neglect doeth resolve by all fair and legall wayes to vindicate thair rights and hinder the grouth of that evill in tyme coming, and seeing that the debates betuixt them and those that incroottes vpon thair liberties is only determinable by proces befor the supream judicatories of the kingdome, in ordour wherinto it is fund most expedient that certane laweris and advocats be pitched wpon and such honorarie granted to them as is suteable to the royall burrowes to give and for them to accept, who are to espouse and own the intres of free royall burghs in generall and of particular burghs in sua far as the samen relates to the comon affair of ther estate, by consulting, pleading, and procureing for them in all causes quhairin they are concerned; and the convention being informed of the fitt and singular qualificatiounes of Sir George Lockharte and Maister John Lauder, advocats, therefore they unanimously elects, nominats, and appoynts the said Sir George Lockhart and Maister John Lauder to be their generall advocats and lawers for the haill royall burghs, with whom they will consult and advice in all thair affairs and who are to plead and procure for them as aforsaid, and be thir presents grants and allowes to them the yeirlie pensions wnderwrittin, viz., to the said Sir George Lockhart the soume of twenty pundis sterling, and the said maister John Lauder the soume of tuell pundis sterling.

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Complaint,
Andersone
against David-
son, conserva-
tor.

3. The present comissioners of burrowes haveing sein ane complaint presentit to them be Robert Andersone, factor at Dordrecht, mentioning that ther wes some difference aysen betuixt him and Sir William Davidsone, lord conservator, anent the said Robert his selling of ane parcell of salt hyds sent be John Sleith, merchant in Haddingtoun, without puting them ashore at the staple or weying them in the weying, and anent the said Robert his sending of three fardalls of playding to Middelburgh before they wer sold or measured at the staple porte, which hyds wer by ane brocker that the said John Sleith broght along with

him to Dordrecht from Rotterdame, boght by the daker and not by the weight, conforme to ane pactione past betuixt the brocker and the merchant owner, and the said playding being boght by a merchant in Aberdeen for accompt of a merchant at Middelburgh, and when the Abirdeen ships arryved at Dordrecht in November 1668, and wes discharging ther loadning the said plaiding wes sent to the said Robert packhouse without his knowledge quhair the said Robert kepted them till such tyme as he receaved twa severall lettres from the merchant in Middelburgh, owner therof, threatning him to delyver wp the said playding which he made known to the lord conservator and desyred his consent to delyver the same (his dewes as conservator being payed) which the conservator refused at first without he hade sold them at the staple, bot thereafter condescendit to let them goe paying all staple dewes, wherwpone the said Robert, for eshewing any trouble the merchant in Middelburgh might put him to did send the said playding to the owner, in respect quhairof the said conservator refused to take any maner of satisfactioun wlnes the pryce of the playding and hyds wes consigned in his hand, and wpone the said Roberts refusall to doe the same he caused ane of the toun officers arrest him, contrar to the acts of borrowes, and caused call ane court composed of factors and other unqualified members declared by acts of borrowes to be assessors in a conservatorie court, and arraigned the said Robert before them wpone ane hours advertisement and threatned him to consigne the value of the said playding and hyds amounting to 5160 gilders in the said conservators hand, wnder the paine of imprisonment; and the said Robert Andersone, conceaveing the illegalitie of ther procedure and incompetencie of ther assembling, appealed from ther court to the borrowis, wherwpone the said conservator caused first arreist the said Robert Andersone his persone by a toun officer, and thereafter for refusing to delyver wp his books and the keyes of his packhouse he sent the scout and a thief leader to carie him to prisone, bot throw the civilitie of the scout he did keep him prisoner in his oun chamber 12 or 13 dayes, attended night and day by a thief leader, without being suffered to goe out of dores, to his great prejudice and loss of his credit; and therefore craveand the borrowes wold be pleased to take such effectual course therin as they should [think] expedient quhairby his credite might be some measure repaired among strangers and the said conservator dis-

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charged from any such illegall procedour in tyme comeing, and that he might be incurradged to discharge his calling without any trouble, as the complaint at lenth proports; which complante, with the memoriall lettres, and copie of some of merchants at Dordrecht that execute in the said mater, given in be maister William Clerk, advocat, in name of the said conservator, in anser to the said complante, being be the present comissioneris of borrowes at lenth hard, read, sein and considdered, and being weill and ryplie advysed thairwith, they efter mature deliberatione and dew consideratione hade anent the mater, decerne, ordaine, and prohibite the said Sir William Davidsone to proceed any farther in the said mater against the said Robert Andersone in relatione to the said complante with all that hes followed or may followe therwpon till his lordships appearance before tham in Julij nixt at ther generall convention; and for the easie cleiring of the saids debaits the conventione grants full power, warrand, and comissione to the said Robert Anderson to convene all such Scotts merchants and factors or other priviledged persones as he hes to lead as witnessis for proveing his lybbel against the conservator before any merchant of credite and respect quho is or hes bein a magistrat in any reyll burgh of Scotland, being in the Natherlands for the tyme, with power to him to choyse his ovne clerk, quhich witnessis he is to examine wpone aith wpone such interrogaters as the said Robert shall put to them concerneing the conservators procedour against him, as also for proveing any vther greevance or complante the said Robert hes to bring in against the said lord conservator at the nixt conventione to be holden in Julij comeing, and that as they will be anserable to the saids borrowes at ther nixt meeting; and the said lord conservator hes heirby the lyk power as to the said Robert for proveing of quhat is to lay to his charge in maner forsaid.

Tain, Dornoch,
Anstruther
Ester.

4. Recommended to next general convention to determine as to a supplication by the burghs of Tain, Dornoch, and Anstruther Easter, to be discharged of all bygone missive dues, "in respect of ther great povertie and decay of trade."

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

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5 July 1670.

5 July 1670.

Edinburgh, Sir Androw Ramsay, Francis Kinloch, Arthour Tempill; Commissioners. Perth, Patrick Threeland; Dundie, George Forrester; Stirling, James Stevinsone; Linlithgow, Robert Milne; Glasgow, James Campble; Dysarte, Alexander Williamsone; Kirkcaldie, John Whyte; Monros, Robert Rennald; Innerness, William Duff; Bruntisland, William Ged; Innerkeithing, Captain James Bennett; Kinghorne, Robert Cuninghame; Brichen, David Donaldsone; Irwing, James Blair; Dumfermling, Robert Hutton; Dumbar, Robert Pringle; Lanerk, Patrick Bissett; Elgin, Alexander Dumbar; Peibles, Alexander Williamsone; Carail, John Daw; Forfar, Thomas Guthrie; Dornoch, Alexander Ross; Queensferry, Archibald Wilsone; Kirkwall, James Moncreiff; Inverbervie, John Aitoun; (thirty-nine burghs *blank*).

7 July 1670.

1. The committee for revising the minutes reported that they were all Commissioners sufficient.

8 July 1670.

2. Anent the supplication given in be John Aittoun, commissioner for the burgh of Inverbervie, to the comissioners of borrowes desireing the said burgh, conforme to their chartor of erection granted to them be King James the Sext, of worthie memorie, dated the [fourth] day of November j^m [v^c xcv] years,* and confirmed in the last session of parliament and presentlie produced be the said comissioner, to be inrolled among the free royall burrowes of this kingdome, the present commissioners of burrowes haveing considered thereof, and eftir mature deliberation had in the said matter, accepts, inrolles, admitts and receaves the said burgh of Inverbervie wnto the fellowship, number, and societie of the free royall burrowes of this kingdome, conforme to their said erection, and ordaines them to have place in all conventiones generall and particular according

Inrollment,
Inverbervie.

* Regstrum Magni Sigilli, lib. xl., No. 166.

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to the inrolment and no vtherwayes; and ordaines them to be wairned therto conforme to the ordour vsed in such cases. [The conditions are similar to those in the enrolment of other burghs. *Vide antea*, pp. 533-4.]

Licence, Bri-
chen.

3. Grants licence to the burgh of Brichen to sett in tack or feu ther comon landis and comon muire to the best availl in augmentation of ther comon good with advice of the Bishope of Brichen.

13 July 1670.

Taxt roll.

4. [After hearing the report of a committee who had made "exact tryell of the trade, comon good, and floorishing estate of severall burghis, impartiallie," the convention, on their recommendation, altered the tax-roll and set down the same as follows]:—

	LI.	s.	D.		LI.	s.	D.
Edinburgh	33	6	8	Dumferling	0	16	0
Perth -	3	17	0	Anstruther Wester	0	5	0
Dundie	6	2	0	Selkirk	0	13	4
Aberdeen	7	0	0	Dumbartoun	0	10	0
Stirling	1	16	0	Ramfrew	0	8	0
Linlithgow	1	14	0	Dumbar -	0	12	0
St Andro's	2	6	4	Lanriek	0	12	0
Glasgow	12	0	0	Arbrothok	0	9	0
Aire -	1	14	8	Elgin - -	1	0	0
Hadingtoun -	1	16	0	Peibles -	0	12	0
Dysarte	0	16	0	Craill	0	18	0
Kirkcaldie	2	6	0	Taine	0	7	0
Monrose	1	18	0	Culross	0	8	0
Couper	1	0	0	Bamff	0	8	0
Anstruther eister -	0	4	0	Whithorn	0	2	0
Dumfrees	1	13	4	Forfar	0	4	0
Innerness	1	16	0	Rothsay	0	6	0
Bruntilland	1	3	0	Nairne	0	3	0
Innerkeithing	0	8	0	Forres	0	5	0
Kinghorn	0	9	0	Rutherglen	0	3	0
Brichen	0	11	0	Northberwick	0	1	0
Irwing	0	18	0	Cullin	0	2	0
Jedburgh	0	18	0	Lauder	0	6	0
Kirkcudbright	0	16	0	Kilrennie	0	2	0
Wigtoun	0	14	0	Annan	0	2	0
Pettinweem	0	13	4	Lochnaben	0	2	0

	LI.	s.	D.		LI.	s.	D.	EDINBURGH.
Sanquhar	0	2	0	Cromartie	0	5	0	13 July 1670.
Galloway	0	1	0	Kintor	0	2	0	Taxt Roll.
Dingwall	0	2	0	Innerurie	0	3	0	
Dornoch	0	3	0	Week	0	3	4	
Queensferry	0	10	0	Kirkwall	0	10	0	
Forrterose	0	5	0	Innerbervie	0	1	0	

5. The convention recomends to ther clerk the particulars following, viz., to write ane ansuer to Peter Davidsons, son to the conservator, mentioning that he wold condiscend on the tyme and the particular goods transported by the steple, and as for the ministers stipend to [refer] him to the former anser made be the burrowes ; item, the clerk wold delet seuerall articles in the missive, viz., anent alteratioun of the taxt roll ; item, anent the difference betuixt Lithgow and Borrowstouness, and in plaice thair of to mention that the burrowes sould take advice anent cleiring of merches betuixt royall burghes and all others that are not royall burghes and yet hes the priuiledges therof and insert in their chartour, and recomends to the agent to be active in cleiring the said particular ; item, to delet the fourt anent the difference betuixt Marcus Mowat and the toun of Linlithgow ; item, to delet the sext article in respect the clerk hes done his diligence therin ; item, to delet the sevint article anent the dischargeing of Dornoch, Taine and Anstruther Eister of thair bygane missive dues ; item, to delet the eight anent the soumes of money due to the agent inrespect the same is allowed to him in his present accmpt ; item, to delet the postscript anent a supplie to be granted towards the reparatioune of the harborie of Bruntilland and the reparatioune of the Tolbooth of Forres and bridge of Nairne.

6. Recomends to the burghs that hes not payed their volunter contribution towards the reparatioune of the harborie of Innerkeithing that they pay the same with all dilligence.

7. Ordained each burgh to pay their share of the agent's accounts, extending to £3060 Scots.

8. The commissioners discharged the burghs of all penalties incurred for not sending their staple goods to Dorte before 1st August, "and statutis and ordaines in tyme comeing that the contraveners, burgesses of free burghes within this kingdome, shall observe punctuallie the said steple porte and send thair steple goods thair," under the unlaw of twenty per cent. on the value of goods transported past the port.

9. Appointed the next convention to be held at Dundee in July next.

Nixt convention.

DUNDEE,
4 July 1671.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at DUNDEE.*

Edinburgh, James Currie and William Hamiltoun; Pearth, Provost Threipland; Dundie, Alexander Watsoun and George Forrester; Aberdeen, Maister Robert Peatrie; Strivling, Robert Russell; Linlithgow, Alexander Mylne; St Andrews, John Geddie; Glasgow, William Andersone; Air, William Cunnyngname; Hadingtoun, Maister Henry Cockburn; Kirkcaldie, Henry Boswell; Monros, Robert Reynald; Couper, John Barclay; Anstruther Easter, James Lawsone; Bruntland, William Ged; Innerkeithing, James Bennet; Kinghorne, John Bruce; Brichen, David Donaldsone; Irving, Thomas Bigger; Anstruther Wester, David Wilsone; Dumbartoun, Robert Watsone; Aberbrothok, John Aikman; Elgin, James Calder; Carraill, William Muncreiff; Taine, Walter Ross; Bamff, George Gordon; Forfar, Charles Thorntoun; Dornoch, Alexander Ross; Queensferry, Archibald Wilsone; Cromartie, Alexander Urquhart; Inverury, John Andersone; Inverbervie, John Aytoun; (thirty-three burghs *blank*).

4 July 1671.

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| Moderator. | 1. Alexander Watson, first in commission for Dundee, elected moderator. |
| Commissions. | 2. For securing uniformity in the commissions, each burgh was instructed to extract the form of the commission contained in an act of the burghs (p. 446). |
| Burghs absent. | 3. Ordained that the penalty of £20 for not sending commissioners to the burghs be augmented to the sum of £100. |
| Brichen, common muir. | 4. Appointed the burghs of Aberdeen, Monross, and Aberbrothok, to go to Brichen for settling the difference between the burgh and their neighbours as to encroachment on the common muir. |
| Linlithgow. | 5. Appointed the burghs of Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Queensferry to endeavour to settle the difference between Magnus Mowat and the town of Linlithgow. |
| Comittie, burrowis affairs. | 6. Appointed Edinburgh [and nine other burghs] to meet to-morrow as a committee to consider all affairs relating to the estate of burrowis. |

5 July 1671.

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| Letter, Sir William Davidson, | 7. Compeired Harie Wilkie of Bonitoun, merchand, burges of Edinburgh, and produced ane letter from Sir William Davidsone, conservator, |
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wherof the tenor followis : Right Honorabill, right worshipfull, and right worthie, I have thought it necessary be these to acquaint your honors that seuerall reasons moved me to lay down (in the moneth of May last) at his Majesties feett the commission for resident and conservator his Majestie had bein pleased to honour me with. No unwillingnes in the leist to serve my cuntrie occasioned the same, nether any to serve your honors, I doe assure you, being there is nothing I own more att all then to manifiest how much I am our cuntrie and your honors most humble servant. Sic subscribitur : William Davidstone. Dordrecht $\frac{3}{8}$ June 1671.

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5 July 1671.
Letter,
Sir William
Davidson.

8. Compeired the said Henry Wilkie and produced the gift wndir the great seal, proceeding vpon the dimission of Sir William and Peter Davidstones, during all the dayes of his lyftyme, which gift being red, and the convention being fullie satisfied with the abilities and other fitt qualifications of the said Harie Wilkie, conservatour, and of his known experience in merchand affairs, and of the good hopes they have of his civill and oblidging deportment in the said office, have approved and heirby approves the said gift and admitts and receaves the said Hary Wilkie to be conservator of the Scotts staple, and allowes to him the same fees and casualities that the said Sir William Davidstone, Sir Patrick Drummond, or any of his predecessors, had, without prejudice in tyme coming of the burrowes right of presentation or nomination of persones to the said office of conservatorship ; and the said Harie Wilkie accepted the said office, and gave his oath *de fidei administratione* and oblidged himself to subscribe the following instructions, and to observe the samen in tyme comeing : [Follow the instructions, similar to those printed *antea*, pp. 188-91].

Admission,
Wilkie, con-
servator.

9. The convention having considered complaints of the magistrates of Dorte of loss sustained by the city through merchants and skippers sending staple goods to other places, and on the other hand complaints against these magistrates for not keeping the agreement, and against their city, "as being ane place inconvenient and unfitt to have the Scotts steple settled there," appointed a particular convention to be held "to take to their consideracione all affairs concerning either the changeing of the steple from Dorte or setleing of the samen."

Staple port.

10. Approved of a missive sent to the city of Dorte in answer to their letter.

Missive letter,
Dorte.

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5 July 1671.
Representa-
tion to secret
councill or ex-
chequer.

11. The convention nominats and appoynts Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Aberdeen, Stirling, Glasgow, or any thrie of tham, to meett and represent to the lords of exchequer or secreit councill the particulars undirwrittin :— First, that the societie of fishing newly erected may be restricted to importe no other commodities and waires bot what is vsefull and necessar for preservation of the fishing trade ; item, to represent the new and heaive burdeen in raseing the prices of salt, so much prejudiciall to the interest of the burrowes ; item, anent the pryces of coalls presentlie in dependence befor the secreit councill ; item, to petition for raseing and crying wp forraigne coyne conforme to the intrinsick value thereof in respect of the great scarcitie and penurie of money within the kingdome.

Invasions by
wnfree places.

12. The comissioners of burrows takeing to consideratioun the great invasiones made by wnfree places, and particularlie the burgh of Stirling whose priviledge is incroatched wpon by the touns of Fallkirk and Kilsyth, it is ther opinion as previous to the proces against wnfree places that ane letter be written to the secretar, my Lord Lauderdale, that his Majestie wold be pleased to recommend to the lords of session the mantinance of the just right of burrowes against the vsurpation made therwpon by burghs of regalities and barronies, and that it be recommended to the lord conservator to deliver the said letter, and to second the samen with all his power and moyan.

Fergusone,
unfree trader.

13. Duncan Fergusone, an unfree trader, to be cited to appear and fulfil his obligation to the agent.

Queensferry.

14. Granted liberty to Queensferry to feu a piece of ground within the burgh containing 24 feet in length, and recommended a voluntary contribution through the whole burghs towards the repair and building of their harbour.

Earl of Lauder-
daill.

14a. Approved of a letter to the Earl of Lauderdale thanking him for his care in providing such an able and qualified conservator, and containing other particulars concerning the burghs.

Exemption, Ir-
wing, bridge.

15. Recommended the whole burghs that a voluntary contribution be given to the burgh of Irving for repair of their bridge, and granted exemption to the burgh for abiding from conventions for three years.

Arbroth.

16. Ordained the burghs of Dundie, Montros and Brichen to meet at Arbroth and endeavour to compose all differences between that burgh and Robert Carnegie of Newgate "one of their own vassalls."

Decay, Air.

17. Ordained a supplication of the burgh of Air, craving relief of burdens in respect of poverty, to be a head of next missive, "that some fitt remedie be fund out for preventing the outter rowin of that ancient burgh so fittlie situat for trade."

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18. Ordained the burghs to pay their shares of the agent's accounts extending to £3013, 11s. Scots. Agentis ac-
comptis.

19. Remitted to next particular convention the supplications of Harie Hope Factors, and Andrew Skein to be admitted factors at the staple port.

20. On the supplications of Anstruthers Eister and Wester, Dumbar, Craill, Cromertie, Dornoch, Innerurie and Innerbervie, the commissioners, considering "the sad condition of the said burghs and ther inabilityie for sending commissioners to attend the meetings," exempted all of them except Dumbar from attending meetings of the burghs for three years, on the usual conditions. "And becaus the burghs of Dornoch, Taine, Anstruther Eister, and Innerurie are thought to be in a worse condition then the rest" ordained that the fines to be exacted from absents be divided equally amongst these four burghs. Exemptions,
etc.

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21. The convention being informed that ther is great heats and animosities risen betuixt the toun of Dundie and Brichen, chiefflie occasioned by the alledgit escape of Laurance Dundas out of Dundie prison, and conceaveing it most proper for them to endeavour by all faire and just wayes to bring the saids burghs to a perfytt peice and ane good undirstanding, therfor does heirby appoynt the burghs of Perth and Montros to meett at any tyme and place they shall think fitt and to compose the said difference, and in case the toun of Brichen acquies not in thair determinatioun the convention declairs they will hold them as disturbers of the peice of burrowes and contemnners of thair auctorite. Dundie and
Brichen.

22. The convention, considdering that the liberties and priviledge of burrowes is constantlie envaded and incroatched wpon by severall vsurped interessess, wherby the liberties are rendred contemptable and are communicate to those that hes not right therto, and finding that the samen are encresced to that hight they merit present redress, otherwayes these invasions threattns the outter rowin of the royall burrowes, therefor the convention thinks fitt that ane comissioner be dispatched to court to represent thair greivances to the Kings Majestie, and as to the nominatioun of the persone and his particular instructions doe recommend the same to the particular convention that is to meett at Edinburgh the 8th of August next, with pouer to the said convention to Commissione
to court, bur-
roisgreivances.

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7 July 1671. grant such allowance and gratuitie for his expens and pains as they think fitt.

Anent linnen
cloath. 23. Ordanis the magistratts of ilk burgh to putt the acts of parliament in execution maid against bletching of linning cloath with lyme, and to observe the breidth of the said linning cloath, and that the yearn be leneth and tail conforme to the said acts of parliament.

Dundie, Inner-
keithing. 24. The convention, considering that ther are many burghs deficient in paying of thair voluntar contribution towards the reparation of the harbories of Dundie and Innerkeithing [ordained such burghs to send the same to next particular convention].

Rocheid, clerk
100 lib. ster-
ling. 25. The convention haveing considdered and perused ane compend of the burrow books since the yeire 1552, compyled by ther present clerk, Maister James Rocheid, wherby the wholl materiall acts, constitutions, and policie of the state of burrowes since the first institution is cleirlye and breifly holden furth, and finding the said work necessar and vsefull for seuerall particular burghs to have in thair custodie, which he is heirby oblidged to give them doubles thereof, and in respect of his personall pains and care of thair affairs since his admissioun, therefor the convention grants to him ane gratuity of ane hundred punds sterling.

Nixt generall
convention. 26. Dissolved the present convention and ordained the next general convention to be held at Perth in July next.

Burghs absent
unlawed. 27. Unlawed the burghs absent and those who have left without subscribing the book except such as shall subscribe the same at Edinburgh.

Anent the 50
solze on the
tun. 28. Ordained steps to be taken by the burgh's commissioner at court, and at the particular convention, for discontinuance of "that heavie impost of fyftie solz vpon the tun of Scotts ships in France."

EDINBURGH.
8 August 1871.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Commissioners Edinburgh, Sir Androw Ramsay, James Currie, and William Hamilton; Perth, Patrick Threipland; Dundie, George Forrester; Aberdeen, Maister Robert Petrie; Stirling, Robert Russell; Linlithgow, Alexander Milne; Glasgow, William Andersone; Air, William Cunighame; Haddingtoun, Maister Harie Cockburne; Dysarte, James Boiswell; Montrose, Robert Rennald; Bruntisland, William Gedd; Pittinweem, John Cook;

Dumbar, James Hamiltoun; Arbroth, John Aikman; Elgin, James Calder; Peibles, Alexander Williamsone; Queensferrie, Archbald Wilsone; St Androis, Kirkcaldie, Couper, Innerkeithing, Kinghorne, Craill, and Bamff (*blank*). EDINBURGH.
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8 August 1671.

1. Androw Ramsay, first in commission for Edinburgh, elected moderator. Moderator.
2. Appoynts George Cheyne to be clerk to the burroues and to doe everything requisit in the said office till ther nixt meeting or farder order, and this made notwithstanding of any former acts standing in favors of any persone. Cheyne, clerk.

9 August 1671.

3. Ordained the agent to concur with and assist the burgh of Stirling "in prosecution of ane action to be intended be them against the burghs of barronie and regalitie within their schyre for importing and exporting of steple commodities contrare to the acts of parliament and burrowes." Prosecution of unfree burghs.

12 August 1671.

4. Approved of a letter "to the Erle of Lauderdale anent the inconveniencies and greivances to be communicate to him anent the continuance of the steple porte at Dorte." Continued the making of a new table of conservator's dues till next particular or general convention. Letter to Erle of Lauderdale, conservator's dues.
5. The present convention of burrowes considdering the prejudice that aryseth from the settlement of ther steple att Dorte, judgeth it convenient to endeavour ane removeall from the same, and for that effect have appoynted ane letter to be written to the Erle of Lauderdale to move his Majestie to concerne himself in the same, and lykwayes doe recomend it to Maister Henry Wilkie, conservator, to be considdering when the same shall be effectuat, where the burrowes may fix, in what toun or place, and eftir his endeavours of the same to give ane accompt of his opinion both as to conditions and conveinencie, that the convention or comittie of convention may make choise accordingly, and that the extract heiroyf may be given to the conservator for his warrand. Anent removeall of staple port.
6. Referring to the 5th act of the convention held on 3 March 1668, the commissioners appointed the sum of £1500 sterling "to be allowed to some Imposition 50 solze vpon the tun." Imposition 50 solze vpon the tun.

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honourable persone who will undertake and accomplish the off taking of the imposition of fyftie solze vpon the tun of goods exported or imported to and fra the kingdom of France."

Skeen, Hope,
factors.

7. The commissioners admitted Andrew Skein, son of Andrew Skein, late factor at Campveer, and Henrie Hope, merchant, burgess of Edinburgh, to be factors at the staple port.

Pirrie, Wood.

8. Appointed the agents to pay to Thomas Pirrie, the clerk's servant, and William Wood, servitor to the agent, five rex dollars each.

EDINBURGH.
10 October
1671.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

10 October 1671.

Commisioners.

Edinburgh, Sir Androw Ramsay, James Currie and Samuel Cheislie; Perth, Patrick Threipland; Dundie, George Forrester; Aberdeen, Androw Skein; Linlithgow, Robert Milne; Glasgow, William Andersone; Air, Thomas Knight; Kirkcaldie, Robert Chapman; Montrose, Robert Renneld; Bruntisland, William Gedde; Irwing, James Barclay; Pitten-weem, Mr Robert Cleland; Dumbartoun, Robert Watsone; Dumbar, James Hamiltoun; (thirteen burghs *blank*).

13 October 1671.

Anderson,
agent, instruc-
tions.

1. [As authorised by the 22nd and 28th acts of last general convention the commissioners appointed William Andersone, provost of Glasgow,] to be our agent, giving him heirby our full, free, plaine pouer, expres bidding, mandament, and charge, for ws in our names and our behalf, to repaire to London to attend at court, and particularlie wpon the Erle of Lauderdale, and there to agent and negotiat in the forsaid affair of burrowes according to the instructions given by ws to him or that shall be heiraftir direct from ws or any deligat from ws to him . . . Followes the instructions sett down be the commissioners of burrowes.

(1.) That he shall forthwith repaire to London to the said Erle of Lauderdale and there to interceid with his lordship anent the doun getting of the fyftie solze of impost vpon the tun laid on by the French King vpon ships and vessellis belonging to this kingdome in France, and to advance and make payment to his lordship, whensoever the samen

impost is taken off, the soume of fyfteen hundred pundis sterling, which the said William Anderson by his acceptation of the said imployment as agent for the burrowes is heirby oblidge till advance and make payment to the said noble earle accordingly.

EDINBURGH.
13 October
1671.

Anderson,
agent, instruc-
tions.

(2.) Secundly. That he doe his uttmost endeavour at court, by the mediation of the said noble erle, for the obtaining of the burrows freedom from the restrent of importing of forraigne salt from France or elsewhere, and thatt forraigne salt be imported by the burrows as formerlie, seeing the same is greatlie prejudiciall to their tread and ane heavie burdeen vpon the kingdome, and to mynd this particular as the speciall concerne of the burrows and insinuat no les thatt if this be not granted the doun getting of the fyftie solze vpon the tun will not be of great importance to thair estate.

(3.) Item, to represent the great invasion made vpon the priviledge of royall burrows by regalities and barronies and vther wnftee places, especiallie in that incommunicable priviledge only competent to royall burghis of exporting and importing comodities; and in regaird there are severall process depending befor the lords of session at the instances of perticular royall burghs against wnftee places, therefor he is to doe his uttmost for procureing ane letter from the Kings Majestie to the lords of session in favors of the royall burrows and in that particular.

(4.) Item, to endeavour that the restrent of importing Irish commodities be also taken off and that there be free trade with that kingdome.

(5.) Item, that sieing by the constitution of royall burrows they have pouer of regulation of metts and measures within their respectiue jurisdictions, and yett that they are trubled by severall persons who impetrats gifts from his Majestie destructive to ther said priviledge, that therefor the said agent wold doe his endeavour to procure a letter from his Majestie to the lords of secreit councill that no execution should pas vpon any such gifts of that nature alredie granted or that heirefter sould be granted by his Majestie in prejudice of the burrows, or that no opposition be made against the burrows anent thair tryell of their weights and measures within thair severall jurisdictions.

2. Appointed the burghs of Linlithgow, Dundie, Kirkcaldie, Bruntisland and Haddingtane to meet with the provost of Edinburgh at Edinburgh when required

Correspond-
ence with
agent at court.

EDINBURGH.
13 October
1671.

Cheyne 200
merks.

Payments.

and correspond with the agent at court, and in case of an emergency of great importance to call a particular convention.

3. The commissioners "considering the long and duetifull service of George Cheyne, ther servant, hes allowed to him the soume of tuo hundred merks."

4. Appointed the agent to pay to Thomas Pirrie, servitor to the clerk, 10 rex dollars, to William Bell five rex dollars, to William Wood, servitor to the agent, five rex dollars, and "to the poire man that sueeps the hous" twelve shillings sterling.

EDINBURGH.
13 July 1672.

CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

13 July 1672.

Auditors' re-
port.

The auditors appointed for auditing the agent's accounts gave in their report.

12 September 1672.

Dumfries,
mercats.

Anent the supplication presented to the comissioners of burrows then conveyened be [Stephen] Irwing, present provest of Dumfreis, makeand mention that quhair the Earle of Nidsdaill and the Lord Maxwell, his sone, hes within this moneth or therby, wpon pretence of the late act of parliament anent burghs of barronies and regalities, erected at his own hand, without warrand either from parliament or secreitt councill, ane weekly mercat neer the verrie ports of Dumfrees wpon Wednesday which is the mercat day of the said burgh, which does not only greatly prejudge their said mercat bot also the leidges are threatned and fyned by him for bringing in the loads of corne, bestiall, and other vendable commodities to their said mercat, contrare to the priviledge of the royall burrowes, and which is noways intended by the said late act of parliament, therfore craveing that inregaird the samen concerns the comon interest of burrows and to deterr others from doing the lyke which is greatly feared, they begining so airlie to medle with the said burgh of Dumfrees in that poynt, thought the convention of burrows will espous and own the said burgh in seeking redres of the said abuse before the judge compitent, and for that effect to grant warrand and pouer to thair agent to concurre and assist and to deburse what shall be fund necessar in pro-

secuteing of that affaire, as the supplication bears; which petition with the grounds therof being considdered be the said convention fynds themselves oblidge to countenance and give their assistance in such a particular of such daingerous ane consequence to the estate of burrows, therefore appoynts and ordanis William Broun, their agent, to assist the said provest or any persone comissionate be the said burgh and to doe his uttmost endeavour in the said particular, and if neid beis to deburse and expend such sums of money as shall be thought requisite for careing on and prosecuteing the said affaire.

EDINBURGH.
12 September
1672. _____
Dumfries,
mercats.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* PERTH.

PERTH.
1 July 1673.

1 July 1673.

Edinburgh, James Currie and Hary Barclay; Perth, Patrick Threipland and John Wilsone; Dundie, George Forrester; Aberdeen, Gilbert Mollesone; Stirling, Robert Russell; Linlithgow, Robert Milne; St Androis, John Geddie; Glasgow, William Andersone; Air, William Cuninghame; Haddingtoun, Maister Hary Cockburne; Dysarte, James Boswell; Kirkcaldie, Daud Fergusone; Mouross, Robert Rennett; Couper, John Barclay; Anstruther Eister, James Lawsone; Dumfrees, Stephan Irwing; Innerness, Alexander Cuthbert; Bruntisland, William Gedd; Innerkeithing, James Bennet; Kinghorne, John Bruce; Brichen, David Donaldsone; Irwing, Allane Cuming; Jedburgh, Androw Ruthersford; Pittinweem, John Aitchiesone; Selkirk, William Mitchellhill; Dumbartane, John Cuninghame; Rhenfrew, John Somervell; Dumbar, Robert Pringle; Lenrick, Robert Haistie; Peibles, Androw Hislope; Forfar, John Carnegie; Forress, Patrick Tulloch; Rutherglen, David Spens; Lauder, Gilbert Idingtoun; Queensferrie, Archibald Wilsone; (thirty burghs *blank*).

Commissioners

2 July 1673.

1. Patrick Threipland, first in commission for Perth, elected moderator. Moderator.
2. The commissioners continued till next convention the heads of the missive referring to the burgh of Brichen and their neighbours, the settling of the staple continued. Several articles continued.

PERTH.
2 July 1673.

Agents
accmpts.
Linen cloth,
yarn.

Comittie
appoynted.

port, the fishing trade, the price of salt and coals, foreign money, and the supplication of the burgh of Air.

3. Appointed a committee to revise and audit the agent's accounts.

4. Continued the putting to execution the acts as to linen cloth and yarn to be a head of next missive.

5. The present comissioners of burrows finds it fitt for the speedy dispatch of their affairs to appoynt ane committie to meett to-morrow at ten o'clock in the foirnoon, consisting of the burghs of Edinburgh, Pearth, Dundee, Aberdeen, Linlithgow, St Androis, Glasgow, Montross, Stirling, Haddingtoun, Air, Innerness, Kirkcaldie, to considder of all particulars that are to be agitat in this present convention which are to be heads of the next missive, and to receave in all petitions, particular complaints of any burghs or persones, and generally of all greivances lying wpon the burrows, and to prepare the samen to give in their reporte to the next generall meeting the morrow at the thrie o'clock in the afternoon.

3 July 1673.

Patent, malt-
men.

6. The commissioners agreed to give £600 Scots as their proportion of 800 dollars of expenses incurred by Charles Murray, John Brown of Gorgie Milne and Thomas Robertsons, present treasurer of Edinburgh, "in persewing of ane reduction of ane patent obtained be the laird of Ardross and Collonell Borthwick against the whole maltmen within the kingdome of Scotland which wold tend much to the great prejudice of that trade."

Supplication,
Air.

7. Anent the supplication of Air, declairing their poverty and decay of trade, the commissioners appointed the burghs of Glasgow, Irwing, and Dumbartoun "to take ane narrow search of thair comon good and how the samen was improved and otherwayes of the estate and conditione of the said burgh as it now stands," and to report to next general convention.

Supplication,
Irwing.

8. Anent the supplication of Irwing representing the decay of the burgh "throw want of trade which is occasioned be the restrent of Irish commodities which wes the only means and commerce quhairby their burgh subsisted," the commissioners ordained the burghs of Glasgow, Stirling, and Dumbartoun, to take cognizance of the state of the burgh and to report to next general convention.

Supplication,
Dumfries.

9. Anent the supplication of Dumfrees, representing their decay and poverty, "occasioned by the Earle of Nidsdale and Queensberrie by thair erecting of four weeklie mercats neir the said burgh, by which they are frustrat of thair customs," the commissioners appointed the burghs of Glasgow, Irwing, and Air to visit and report the condition of the burgh to next general convention.

10. Anent the supplication of the burgh of Pittinweem, representing their poverty and decay of trade, the commissioners ordained the burghs of St Androis, Dysert and Kirkcaldy to visit and report the condition of the burgh to next general convention. Granted exemption to the burgh of Forres from attending conventions for the space of three years on the usual conditions.

PERTH.
3 July 1673.
Supplication,
Pittinweem.
Exemption
Forres.

11. Approved of the letting of part of the common muir of Perth to John Lamb, dean of guild, for nineteen years.

Perth, comon
muire.

12. The present commissioners of burrowes takeing to consideratione the great expens that certaine persones have been putt to in name of the maltmen in reducing of the gift granted be the Kings Majestie to Ardross and Collonell Borthuick, therefore they recommend to the burgh of Edinburgh, with the agent, to concurre and assist the said incorporation of maltmen in opposeing of any new gift if it shall be craved by the saids persones or any others in thair name to the prejudice of the said incorporation, as also in the prosecution of the reduction of Sir John Nicolsone his gift vpon the imposition putt on the tobacco.

Gifts, malt,
tobacco.

13. Approved of the burgh of Queensferry "setting out to the best avail their comon mure."

Queensferry,
comon mure.

14. The convention considering the contents of a missive direct to them be the lord lyon anent the matriculating of the arms of the royall burrows and of his lordshipps kynd expression to them therein wherof they are verrie sensible, and further conceaveing that it is most convenient for avoyding of future truble, and that it tends much to the securitie and preservation in all tyme coming of the particular coats of arms of eatch severall burgh that the arms of the whole burrows of the kingdome be registratt and matriculat in the said lord lyons books, to the effect extract may be given furth therof, therefor the convention ordains the haill burrowes of this kingdome to take furth extracts of thair respective coats of arms out of the said lord lyons books, and that betuixt and the next generall convention as they will be ansuerable to the censure of the said convention.

Burghs coats
of arms.

15. The present convention ordains their generall clerk to direct ane letter to the Duke of Lauderdale his grace representing to him the great decay of the royall burrowes by want of trade and other heavey burdeens lying vpon them.

Letter to
Lauderdale.

PERTH.
3 July 1673.
Jedburgh.

16. On the supplication of Jedburgh, the convention approved of setting the common good with a piece of waste ground and tenement belonging to that burgh, and that "for the space of thretein yeares, to the best avall, for payment of thair publict debts." Also granted exemption to the burgh from attending conventions for three years.

Forfar, constabulary.

17. Anent the supplication presented to the burrowes by the burgh of Forfar craveing thair concurrence with the agents in defence of ane action intended against their burgh anent the constabullary of the samen, the present comissioners haveing considered the said petition, and finding themselves in duety obliged to concurre and assist them in defence of thair just priviledges, therefore they appoynt the burghs of Perth, Dundie, and Monross to speak with the said Erle off Kinghorne and crave inspection of his rights to the said constabullary, and if they find the samen to be valide and uncontrollable by law that they desire the said burgh to desist from farder expending off money in the said matter, and if otherwayes the saids comissioners ordains thair agent to concurre and assist the said burgh in defence of the said action and to depurse and bestow ane hundred merks thairanent.

Releif of
prisoners with
the Turks.

18. Anent the supplication presented to them be Alexander Knox, merchand in Glasgow, in name of the wifes and children of severall persons that are now taken prissoners with the Turks, extending to the number of nynteen persones, craveing a voluntar contribution to be collected through the haill burrows towards thair releef, the present comissioners of burrows taking the same to consideration and finding the same to be ane worke of charitie, therefore they grant the desire of the said petition, and ordains ilk burgh to make intimatioun hereof to thair respective burghis at thair homecoming, and seriously recomends to thair respective burghs to take such effectuell course for collecting of the said contribution ather at the kirk doors or at the houssis of the inhabitants as they conceive will be most conduceable for augmenting of the said charitable contribution, and that the same be putt in present execution, and what shall be collected in the respective burghs to be sent to the said petitioner who hes enacted himself in the books of privie counsell to make the same furthcomand for the releef of the saids prissoners, or to William Broun thair agent.

Measures, salt.

19. The commissioners, considering there are several measures of inland salt,

- one for selling and another for buying, to the great prejudice of the lieges, ordained PERTH.
that the whole measures be conform to the standard of Linlithgow. 3 July 1673.
20. Ordained the burghs to pay their shares of the agent's accounts, extending Agents
to £2906, 13s. 4d. accompsts.
21. Allowed to George Cheyne the sum of one hundred merks Scots. Cheyne.
22. Ordained the agent to exact payment of fines from burghs for being Absents fynes.
absent from conventions.
23. Ordained the agent to pay to James Rocheid, their general clerk, £100 General clerk
sterling, conform to the 25th act of the general convention held at Dundee. £100.

4 July 1673.

24. Allowed to Andrew M'Curre, post, £50 Scots. Post, £50.
25. Dissolved the present convention, and appointed the next general con- Nixt Conven-
vention to be held at Stirling in July next. tion.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* STIRLING.

STIRLING.
7 July 1674.

Edinburgh, Robert Baird, John Cunighame; Perth, Sir Patrick Commissioners
Threepland; Dundie, George Forrester; Aberdeen, Maister Robert Petrie;
Stirling, Robert Russell and James Steinson; Linlithgow, Robert Milne;
Glasgow, William Andersone; Air, John Moir; Haddingtoun, William
Lamb; Dysarte, James Boswall; Kirkcaldie, David Fergusone; Monross,
Robert Rennald; Couper, John Barclay; Dumfrees, James Kenman;
Bruntilland, James Dewar; Innerkeithing, James Bennett; Kinghorn,
James Wood; Brichen, David Liddell; Irwing, Allan Cuming, Jedburgh,
Andro Ainslay; Kirkcudbright, John Livingstoun; Dumfermling, Peter
Walker; Dumbartoun, John Cunighame; Ramfrew, John Somervell;
Dumbar, James Kello; Lanerk, Robert Haistie; Arbrothock, Henry
Fichie; Elgin, John Spence; Carail, William Moncreiff; Culross, John
Heliday; Forfar, John Carnegie; Rothesay, Donald M'Ilchrist; Ruther-
glen, John Robesone; North Berwick, Joseph Marjoribanks; Lauder,
Gilbert Edingtoun; Dornoch, Alexander Ross; Queensferrie, Archibald
Wilsone. (Twenty-eight burghs *absent*).

7 July 1674.

1. Robert Russell, first in commission for Stirling, elected moderator. Moderator.

STIRLING.
7 July 1674.

Comission
revised.

2. The convention appoynts ane comitie for to revise the sufficiencie of the comissions, which accordingly they did.

8 July 1674.

Comittie.
appoynted.

3. The convention of borrowes haveing mett in the place appoynted for that effect, vpon serious considerationis have thought fitt to appoynt ane committie consisting of the burghs wnderwrittin, viz., Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Aberdeen, Linlithgow, Stirling, Glasgow, St Andros, Kirkcaldie, Monros, Air, Dumbartane, Irwing, Bruntisland, Dysarte, Innerkeithing, Queensferry, Inness, Elgin, Arbrothock, Kinghorne, Dumfermling, Haddingtoun, Culross and Dumber to mett at the burgh of Edinburgh the second Tuesday of November next to come, and there to sitt, treat, vote, and concludd vpon the heads of the generall missive, promising to hold firme and stable what the said committie shall doe therein, as also anent the off takeing of the fyfty solze imposed vpon the tun of goods in France. And lykwayes the convention appoynts fyve or sex of the number of the forsaid committie to mett vpon Tuesday next at Edinburgh, being the fourtein day of this instant moneth of July, with the lord conservator, to heare what proposellis he is to make to them in relation to the staple port; as also anent the said 50 solze vpon the tun and who are to advyse what may relate to the saids particulars, and to reporte to the said particular convention.

Next generall
convention.

4. Dissolved the present convention, and appointed the next general convention to be held at Glasgow in July next.

EDINBURGH.
14 August 1674.

CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Commissioners

Edinburgh, James Currie, Robert Baird, John Cunighame; Perth, Sir Patrick Threepland; Dundie, George Forrester; Aberdeen, Maister Robert Petrie; Linlithgow, Robert Milne; St Andros, John Sheillis; Glasgow, William Andersone; Air, William Cuninghame; Haddingtoun, William Lamb; Dysarte, James Boiswall; Kirkcaldie, John Williamsone; Monross, Maister Robert Tailyour; Couper, John Barclay; Bruntisland, James Dewar; Kinghorn, Robert Bruce; Irwing, Allan Cumming; Jed-

burgh, Andrew Ainsly; Selkirk, William Scott; Dumbartoun, John Cuninghame; Ramfrew, John Somervell; Lanrick, Robert Hastie; Peibles, James Thomsone; Carraill, William Moncreiff; Bamff, William Fyffe; Rothesay, Donald M'Gilchrist; Northberwick, Robert Sandilands; Sanquhar, Robert Carmichael; Queensferry, Archibald Wilsone. (Thirty-seven burghs *absent*).
EDINBURGH.
 14 August 1674.
 Commissioners

14 August 1674.

1. James Currie, provost and first in commission for Edinburgh, elected Moderator.
moderator.
2. The committee appointed for revising the sufficiency of the commissions
Commissions.
 reported that they were conform to the acts of burghs.

15 August 1674.

3. Appointed a committee for considering the draught of two letters to the
Letters to
 King.
 King's Majesty, and to make one of both.

17 August 1674.

4. The present commissioners of burrows haveing considered his
His Majesties
 letter to the
 burrowis.
 Majesties Letter, whereof the tenor followis :—Charles R. Trustie and weell beloved wee greett yow weell. As wee have vpon all occasions since our happie restauration given testimonies of our care to mentaine the just rights and priviledges of all our good subjects of that our antient kingdom so are wee resolved particularly to maintaine and support our royall borrows in their immunities, and therefor being informed that of late ane innovation hes been brought in amongst them by electing comissioners and sending them from severall of the burghs to serve in parliament, conventions, and at thair own generall and particular meettings, who are not actuall residents within these burghs comissionating them, nor bearing proportionable charges with them, or such as can loss or gaine in any of their concerns, which (as wee are informed) are directly contrare to the ancient constitutions of the burghs and to many of their acts; therefor wee have thought fitt to requyre yow to tak speciall care that your antient acts concerneing this matter may be revived and manteined and the like abuse prevented for the future; and so wee bid you

EDINBURGH.
17 August 1674.

His Majesties
letter to the
burrowis.

fareweell. Given at our honour of Hamptoun Court, the thrid Julij 1674, and of our reign the 26 yeare. By his Majesties command. *Sic subscribitur*, LAUDERDALE. Which being seriously considered by the comissioners presently conveyened, thinks fitt that the ansuer following be returned to his Majestie, wherof the tenour followes :—May it pleas your sacred Majestie. The royall marks of your Majesties extraordinary care and kyndnes for ws and our interest had raised in us verry much joy and satisfaction if wee had not perceived by your Majesties letter that yow wer informed that wee had been wanting to the interest of our estate in allowing some of our burghs to be represented in parliament by such as wer not actual residenters therein and such as boore no burdeen with us and had suffered former acts of our constitution to run in disuetude, whereby such elections were declaired wnlawfull ; and therefore wee with all ductifull submission, in the first place, return your Majestie our heartie thanks and assure your Majestie that wee shall alwayes make it our cheifest care and indeavour to promove and persew every thing which may advance your Majesties interest or may signifie to the world that wee are resolved to imploy our lifes and fortunes in your Majesties service ; and in the next place wee begg leve to assure your Majestie that as our predecessors wer so wise as not to encroatch vpon the priviledges of parliament by prelimitating the freedom of elections for parliaments, nor to retrinsh or lessin their own libberties in elections, so the generall conventions of burrows did alwayes allow the elections of those who wer not actuall residenters becaus they might be vpon other accompts serviceable to thair interest ; and wee haveing, in obedience to your Majesties commands, perused and considdered our former acts in reference to elections, wee find that there is no grund from the saids acts for declareing the elections of persones who wer not residenters within these burghs for whom they wer chosen to be invalide bot on the contrare they have been evir allowed, owned, and acknouledged as lawfull members in all generall conventiones of estats and parliaments notwithstanding of any acts formerly made, nor have wee fund any to stick more clos to your Majesties interest and ours and more capable to serve your Majestie and ws nor such who wer not residenters in royall burghs, nor hath our rowin taken its ryse from them bot from the acts in favours of burghs of regalities and the act of adjudications, both past in the thrid session of the last parliament, by the first

of which our priviledges wer communicated to many thousands who boore not burden with ws, and that notwithstanding of ane constant series of lawes introduced in our favors by your Majesties glorious predcessors, and by the last of which wee are forced to take inconsiderable parcellis of land for these stocks of money which wee should employ vpon trade ; and as our trade is burdeened by theese acts, so our consciencies are insnared by one other act forcing ws to give our oaths vpon concealed goods and imbazlements, contrare to the custome of all nations, quhairby wee are drawn from our trades to attend proces intended against ws at the customers pleasure, from all which wee hope to be delivered by your Majesties gracious recommendation to the next parliament, off which wee stand much in need ; and in the interim wee are humble supplicants to your sacred Majestie that yee wold be graciously pleased to recommend to the comitties of trade in both kingdoms to meett and to prosecute these excellent overtures lately made for a mutuall trade by which your Majestie may restoir in some measure this state to its former condition and may make ws happie in good nighbours as wee are now in ane incomparable Prince. And wee doe fully assure your Majestie that in every thing that may concerne your Majesties service, either in conventions, parliaments, or what evir els in our pouer, your Majestie shall alwayes find that your royall borrowes will deporte themselffs with that duetie and loyalty to your Majesties interest that becomes, most sacred Sovereigne, your Majesties most faithfull, humble, and obedient subjects.

EDINBURGH.
17 August 1674.
His Majesties
letter to the
burrowis.

Note.—The pen has been drawn through the letter to the King as engrossed in the record, and the following note is written on the margin :—"This letter delett by ane act of burrows."—*Vide infra*, pp. 644, 645.

As also the convention finds it expedient that ane missive be direct to the Duke of Lauderdale his Grace in relation to his Majesties letter abonewrittin, quhairof the tenor followis :—May it pleas your Grace. Wee receaved ane letter from his Majestie, bearing date the third day of July last, requyreing ws to revive our antient acts against ane late innovation brought in among ws by electing comissioners to parliaments and conventions and other our generall and particular meetings who wer not actuall residents within these burghs by whom they wer commissionat, and according to our duety wee haue returned our ansuer (the just double

Letter to the
Duk of
Lauderdale.

EDINBURGH.
17 August 1674.

Letter to the
Duk of
Lauderdale.

quhair of is herein enclosed), which wee hope your Grace will not only present bot also second our just desires therin contened with that care and favour wherewith yow have ever honoured ws. Wee shall not at present give your grace any further truble, saiff to assure yow that as wee doe verry cordially and constantly retein that sense and acknowledgment which wee ow to your graces signall kyndnesses, so wee shall be alwayes reddie to embrace the honor quhairby wee may more significantly express our selfs to be your graces most humble servands.

Protest and
dissent, Edin-
burgh and
others.

Sir Patrick Threepland, provest of Perth, and comissioner for the said burgh, protested against the sending of the saids letters to his Majestie and the Duke of Lauderdale as not being satisfied with the draught of the samen; as also James Currie, provest of Edinburgh, and preses of the said meetting, Robert Baird and John Cuninghame, comissioners for the said burgh of Edinburgh, disassented from the draught of the saids letters; and the hail persons abovewrittin asked and tooke instruments in the clerks hands and that for the reasones given in be them in writt; as lykwayes the comissioners for Haddingtoun and Bamff disassented thairfra.

Petrie elected
preses.

5. The present convention, in regaird that James Currie, present provest of Edinburgh and comissioner for the said burgh (who wes chosen preses by ane former act of this present convention) is not cleare to subscrivye the forsaides lettres direct to his Majestie and to the Duk of Lauderdale, and hes refused to subscrivye the same, therefor the convention nominats and appoynts Maister Robert Petrie, comissioner for Aberdeen, to be preses for this effect, only to subscribe the saids lettres.

Lettres
approvin.

6. After the election of Maister Robert Petrie, preses, the forsaides lettres being read over *in mundo* befor the hail convention they approved of the same except the persones who before disassented.

Staple port.

7. The comissioners approves of the progres that the conservator hes already made in ordour to the setleing of the steple port at Campheer and impouers him to proceed to a finall closs, and seriously recomends him to the next meeting in November for considering quhat gratuity is fitt to give him for his great pains and care in that office and to make ane act thairwpon.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.EDINBURGH.
12 January
1675.

Edinburgh, James Currie, Robert Baird, John Cuninghame; Perth, Commissioners
Sir Patrick Threipland; Dundie, John Scott; Stirling, Robert Russell;
Linlithgow, Robert Milne; St Andros, John Geddie; Glasgow, John
Bell; Air, John Mure; Haddingtoun, William Lamb; Dysarte, Henry
Beatie; Kirkcaldie, John Whytt; Bruntisland, James Dewar; Inner-
keithing, James Bennett; Kinghorne, John Bruce; Dumfermling, Peter
Walker; Dunbar, James Kellie; Queinsferry, Archibald Wilsone;
Aberdeen, Monross, Innerness, Irwing, Dumbartoun, Aberbrothok, Elgin
and Culros (*blank*).

12 January 1675.

1. James Currie, provost and first in commission for Edinburgh, elected Moderator.
moderator.

2. The comissions of the hail comissioners present being red *in* Comissions
approven, plett
form of comis-
sion.
presentia, the convention finds them agree materially bot differs some
what as to the forme, yet notwithstanding they doe approve of the
samen at present and ordaines the plett forme of comissions sett down at
Glasgow to be extracted, and ilk burgh to have ane extract thereof, and
that forme to be inviolablie kept be ilk burgh in tyme coming under
the pains contained in the acts of burrows made thairanent.

3. Anent the eight article of the generall missive in relation to the Linning cloath,
measures,
coallis.
breadth of the linning cloath and bleatching thereof with lyme, and
anent the article in relation to the uniformitie of the measures through
the whole kingdome, and als anent the coall, the present convention
appoynts the burghs of Edinburgh, Perth and Linlithgow, with the
agent, to make application to the lords of secreet councill that the acts
of parliament made in relation thairto may be putt in dew execution and
inviolablie kept hereaftir.

13 January 1675.

4. The convention allowed Henrie Wilkie, lord conservator, £200 sterling Conservator
£200, staple
port.
towards his disbursements and trouble taken as to the staple port, and deferred
any farther gratuity till the staple port is fully settled.

EDINBURGH.
13 January
1675.

Act disowning
letter sent to
his Majesty.

Missive letter
to his Majestie.

5. The^e present convention of burrowes takeing to their considderation that his Majestie by his gracious letter direct to the generall convention of burrowes in Julij last, at their meetting at the burgh of Stirling, did evidence his princely care for preservation of their liberties, and also considdering the retorne sent to his Majesties gracious letter by a pairt of the burrowes that mett at Edinburgh in August last, they fund the same ane impertinent and insolent returne to such a gracious letter, wherefor they unanimously disclame and disown the said retorne and ordaines a letter to be direct to his Majestie testifieing the same, to be subscrivit be the whole convention, which they ordaine to be insert in their generall register of borrows, whereof the tennour followes:—May it pleas your sacred Majestie. This particular convention of the royall burrows of your antient kingdom being sensible of your Majesties continued care for the preservation of ther priviledges and immunities, and that your Majesties favours did often prevent their endeavours as is particularly evidenced by that your Majesties most gracious letter sent to the generall convention at Stirling in July last, whereby wee are restored to that priviledge of being served in parliaments and other conventions by true members of our own incorporations, for which wee retorne your Majestie most humble and duetifull acknowledgement with the assurance of our lives and fortunes to be reddie at your Majesties service upon all occasions. It doeth not a little truble ws to find by our records that there hes been ane impertinent and insolent retorne made wnto your Majesties most gracious letter, occasioned by some tourbulent persones in August last, which wee doe utterly disclame and detest, and hes disowned the same by our particular act, not doubting but the next generall convention will caus the same be razed and expunged out of the records; and we doe humblie pray your sacred Majestie not to impute the failings of a few to the whole bodie of your royall burrowes, who wee are confident will more fullie disclame and disown that ungrate and unsuteable retorne given to your Majesties most gracious letter. So praying to God Almightye bliss your Majestie with a long and prosperous raigne, wee continow, most sacred Sovereigne, your Majesties most faithfull humble and obedient subjects. Subscribed be the hail sederunt.

Missive letter
to the Duke of
Lauderdale.

As also the convention finds it expedient that ane missive be direct to the Duke of Lauderdale his grace in relation to the forsaid letter

direct to his Majestie, whereof the tenor followes :—May it please your grace. By the inclosed to his Majestie, together with the unanimous act of this particular convention, your grace will perceave that it is not the whole bodie of the burrows that have been guiltie of that irreverent and unduetifull returne which wes sent to his Majesties most gracious letter, but a few turbulent persones, and wee heartilie thank your grace for keeping his Majestie in a good opinion of his royall burrows. Wee intend in the next to truble your grace by ane memoriall concerning some incumbrances lying on our trade, but wee thought it our duetie to take off the staine throwen on us befor wee seek new favours from his Majestie by your graces mediation, off whose assiduous care in all our concerns wee are verrie sensible, and shall be reddie upon all occasions to testifie how much wee are, may it pleas your grace, your graces most humble servands. Subscribed be the haill sederunt.

EDINBURGH.
13 January
1675.
Missive letter
to the Duke of
Lauderdale.

14 January 1675.

6. The convention declared that the commissioners now present should be free of £100 of unlaw for absencē from former meetings, and ordained the agent to exact the unlaws from other burghs.

Unlaws.

7. Appointed a committee to draw up and despatch a memorial to the Earl of Lauderdale, for easing of the burghs of “the heave burdeens the borrows lyes wnder by the 50 solze vpon the tun of goods in France, the oaths given be the merchands for the goods imported be them, the continued tradeing in burghs of barronie and regalitie and the delay of the setleing of the steple port.”

Memoriall,
burdeens.

15 January 1675.

8. The commissioners “recommends to the lord provost of Edinburgh to writt ane letter to his grace the Duke of Lauderdale in favours of the conservator anent the settlement of the steple port.”

Staple port.

9. Ordained additions to be made to the missive as to qualifications of commissioners, selling meal by weight or measure, and fees to the burghs' advocates.

Additions to
missive.

10. The commissioners having considered the report of the burghs appointed to visit the condition of the burgh of Air they found “the condition of the said burgh to be verie low, and tharfor recomends them to the nixt generall convention.”

Low condition
of Air.

11. The present commissioners thinks fitt that the next general convention make ane act ordaining the burgh of Edinburgh, with the agent, to stopp any gift that shall happen to be presented to the exchequer

Agent, stop-
ping gift,
monopolies.

EDINBURGH.
15 January
1675.

Agent stop-
ping gifts,
monopolies.

in favors of any persones whatsoever for a monopolie or any other gift that may tend to the prejudice of the burrowes, and for that effect that the agent advance what money is to be advanced for stopping of any such gifts ; and in the meantyme if any such gifts shall be presented to the exchequer befor the meetting of the next generall convention ordains the agent to advert thereto.

Queensferry.

12. Approved of the report by the commissioner of Queensferry of the setting of their common for £16 yearly.

Articles of
missive.

13. The commissioners having revised the general missive ordained the articles as to the fishing company, adjudications, the burgh of Irving, Ardrose's gift, and the burgh of Forterose, to be heads of the next missive.

Lithgow, Ar-
droses gift.

14. Ordained the agent to retain twenty dollars advanced by Linlithgow towards the reduction of Ardrose's gift and to deliver to that burgh the excess of their just proportion of £600.

Petition, Glas-
gow.

15. Recommended the petition given in by the provost of Glasgow in relation to the condition of the burgh to be considered at next general convention.

EDINBURGH.
10 March 1675.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE, *appointed by the seventh act of last Convention, held at EDINBURGH.*

Commissioners

Edinburgh, James Currie, provost, Robert Baird, John Cuningham ; Perth, Sir Patrick Threepland ; Glasgow, John Bell ; Linlithgow, Robert Milne ; Dundie and St Androes (*blank*).

10 March 1675.

Getting down
of 50 solze
vpon the tun.

1. The said committee haveing mett and taking to their consideration the sevint act of the last convention, whereby in a speciall maner the off takeing of that heavie impost of fyftie solze upon the tun of Scotts shippis in France is recommended to their care and manadgement, and being credibly informed that it is now ane fitt and seasonable tyme to make application to his grace the Duke of Lauderdale for interceed with his Majestie that ane effectuall course may be taken for removeing of the said heavie burdeen which does ly and is lyklye still to continow upon the burrows of this kingdom unless they lay hold upon

the present exigencie of affairs, therefor, according to the pouer and comission granted to them be the said act, they deliver their sentiments of the said matter as followes, and which they appoynt to be insert as ane head of the nixt missive, either to a particular or generall convention, viz., that sieing to their certaine knowledge and experience the said impost of fyfty solze does amount yeerly to great soums of money which the merchands are forced to pey in France, and that it wold be a great encouragement to the navigation of this kingdom that the said impost wer removed, therefor that ane proportionable honorarie, correspondent to so great ane transaction, should be given for the obtaining a removeall of the said impost which by former acts of burrows being increased they think now should be augmented to the soume of tuo thousand pundis Sterling money, and that ane letter should be presently dispatched to his grace the Duke of Lauderdale for ane speedie off takeing of the said impost, whereof the tenor followes:—May it pleas your grace. By ane act of the last convention of burrows wee wer ordert to make address to your grace for interceeding with his Majestie that the royall borrows may be eased of that burdensom impost of fyftie solze upon the tun of Scotts shippis in France layd on contrare to the antient priviledges of this nation in that kingdom, the great hinderance that the continuance of the said impost is to the trade and navigation of this nation, as it is experimentaly found by the burrows themselves so is it knowen and wes regrated by your grace when by that vndelible act of kyndnes to the concerns of burrows your grace wes pleased to make mention of their application to your grace for that effect, and that in audience of the haill comissioners of burrows mett at their convention, wee doe now againe, according to the trust given to ws by the last convention, in all humbly and duetifull submission, intreat your grace to mediat with his sacred Majestie that a present effectuall course may be taken for removing of the said heave impost which is at this tyme the greatest concern of the estate of burrows and the accomplishment thereof will above expression oblige the haill royall burrowes and ws in particular to continow, unalterably, your graces most humble servands. The said comittie recomends to the provest of Edinburgh upon the first advertisement from court relateing to the said affaire to call the said comittie againe or to convene ane particular convention as shall be thought most expedient.

EDINBURGH.
10 March 1675.
Getting down
of 50 solze
vpon the tun.

Letter to Duke
of Lauderdale.

Particular
convention.

GLASGOW.
6 July 1675.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* GLASGOW.

Commissioners Edinburgh, Robert Baird, John Cuningham; Perth, Sir Patrick Threepland; Dundie, George Broun; Aberdeen, Alexander Alexander; Stirling, Robert Russell; Linlithgow, Robert Milne; St Androis, John Geddie; Glasgow, John Bell; Air, John Mure; Haddingtoun, John Sleith; Dysarte, James Boiswell; Kirkcaldie, David Fergusone; Monros, Robert Rennald; Dumfrees, William Craik; Innerness, Robert Barbor; Innerkeithing, James Bennett; Irwing, Thomas Biggar; Pettinweem, John Watsone; Selkirk, William Wauch; Dumbartoune, John Cuningham; Rhenfrew, John Somervell; Dunbar, James Kellie; Lanrick, Robert Haistie; Arbrothock, Henry Feichie; Elgin, John Spence; Carraill, William Moncreiff; Culross, John Heliday; Whithorne, Alexander Donaldsone; Rothesay, Cuthbert Stewart; Rutherglen, John Robisone; Northberwick, Joseph Marjoribanks; Lauder, Thomas Wood; Dornoch, Alexander Ross; Queensferry, Archibald Wilsone; Kintore, John Tulloch; Innerury, Alexander Forbes; Innerbervie, Maister Thomas Stewart: (twenty-eight burghs *blank*).

6 July 1675.

Bell, preses. 1. John Bell, provost, and first in commission for Glasgow, elected preses.
Comissions. 2. Appointed a committee to revise the commissions.

7 July 1675.

Comissions. 3. The convention, on report by the committee, approve of the whole commissions, excepting those for North Berwick and Dornoch, in respect the persons appointed are not resident in the burgh, and the commission for Carraill "which wes lykwayes rejected in respect there are no present magistratts to represent the said burgh."

Letters to his 4. The convention takeing to considderation his Majesties letter of
Majestie. the date the third day of July ^{j^m} ^{vj^c} sevinty-four yeirs, and of the returne made by the convention in January last to his Majestie and the Duke of Lauderdale, they approve of the said returnes in all the heads and poynts of the samen; and siclyke the convention, upon serious and

weightie consideracions moving them, disclames and disownes and condemns to perpetuall oblivion that unduetifull letter sent to his Majestie in August last and ordaines the samen to be expunged and raized out of the records.

GLASGOW.
7 July 1675.
Letters to his
Majestie.

5. Appointed a committee to consider the draught of a letter to his Majesty and the Duke of Lauderdale, the draught of an act of burghs as to qualifications of commissioners, as to a gratuity to two of the Earl of Lauderdale's servitors, and also to consider all petitions presented to the convention, and to report.

Comittie.

6. The convention ratified the proceedings of the committee which met in March last.

Act of committee ratified.

8 July 1675.

7. The present convention, considering ane draught of ane act brought in to them be the forsaid committie anent the qualifications of commissioners to parliaments, conventions of estate, and to their generall and particular meettings of burrows, which being red before them they did approve thairof, off which the tenor followes :—At Glasgow the eight day of July j^m vj^c sevintie fyve yeirs. The which day, the generall convention of burrows haveing mett, and takeing to their serious consideration the many abuses and inconveniencies that hes hapined to the estate and interest of the royall burrows in electing comissioners to parliaments, conventions of estates, and to their own generall and particular meettings, such persones who are not merchand trafficquers, residents bearing comon burdeen with the rest of the inhabitants, and who cannot loss or gaine in the concerns of burrows, which as it is contrarie to many of their actts, and particularlie to the acts of burrows holden at Edinburgh the fyfteen day of July j^m v^c sevintie four yeirs, and to the act at Couper the thrid day of May j^m v^c and eightie sex, and to the act at Glasgow the first day of July j^m v^c fourscoir eighteen yeirs, and to severall other acts of burrows, and to the antient and primitive constitution of the burrows by their first erection, so lykwayes it is destructive to their interest, which is to be ane intire and unanimous bodie amongst themselves making a third distinct estate of the kingdom, without being impd with persons of any other rank or qualitie then of the merchand estate, who usuallie caries on collaterall designes then the direct, true, and solid

Act, qualifications of comissioners.

GLASGOW.
 8 July 1675.

Act, qualifica-
 tions of commis-
 sioners.

interest of the royall burrowes, whereby they become divyded and losses their cheiff strenth, which consists in their unanimity, and consequentlie the contempt and rowine of the burrows followis as too sad experience manifestis; and siclyke taking to their serious considderation his Majesties princely care and zeal for the preservation of the priviledges of the royall burrows contained in his gracious letter direct to their last generall convention at Stirling, of the date the third day of July j^m vj^c sevintie and four yeirs, requyreing them that they take speciall care that their forsaidis acts anent the said matter may be revived and mantained and the lyke abuses prevented for the future; therefore the said generall convention, not only be thir presentis revives all preceeding acts of burrows ordaining commissioners to parliaments, conventions of estats, and to the generall and particular meettings of borrows, to be of persons conforme to the qualifications aforsaid, and that in all the heads, poynts, and clauses of the saids acts, which, for brevites caus, are holden as herein repeatted, but also of new statuttis, enacts, and ordains in all tyme coming, and which is to be observed as ane unviolable rule conform whereunto all future elections shall be made, that no persones be elected or chosen comissioners by any of the royall burrows to parliaments, conventions of estate, and to the generall and particular meettings of the burrows, bot such persons who are merchand traffiqueris, present residents within the burgh comissionating them, and who bears common burdeen with the rest of the inhabitants, and are such persons who can gaine and lose in the concerns of borrows; declaireing, lykeas it is hereby specially declaired, that all elections of comissioners to parliaments, conventions of estates, and to the generall and particular meettings of the borrows, made of persons not qualified as aforsaid to be *ipso facto* voyd and null and of no force, strenth, nor effect in tyme coming; as lykwayes declaireing that everie persone who shall vote for such illegall and unwarrantable elections shall lose the freedom of the burgh whereof he is ane burges and inhabitant; and further certifieing that everie particular persone, voter as saidis, and everie persone accepting of such commission not being qualified as aforsaid, shall be lyable in the paine and penaltie of ane thousand merks als oft and sua oft they transgress this present act, and for the which fyne and penaltie they shall have no releef from their burgh but shall pay the same out of their own propper means and estate;

and for the better and more punctuall performance and execution of this present act, the convention ordanis that this claus shall be added in the oath *de fidei* which is to be taken by every burges of any royall burgh within the kingdom at his admission to be a councillor of their respectiue burghs, viz. : that he shall not in any tyme coming vote or consent to the choising of any persone to be comissioner from the royall burrows to parliaments, conventions of estate, and to the generall and particular meettings of borrows, but such persons who are qualified in maner forsaid. And farder ordanis their common agent present and to come to rase lettres of horning herewpon for chargeing the haill royall burghs of this kingdom to make their elections of comissioners to parliaments, conventions of estate, and to their generall and particular meettings when the same shall occurre conforme to the qualifications forsaid, under the pain of rebellion and putting of them to the horne if they faillie ; and siclyke ordanis their said agent to rase other lettres of horning chargeing everie particular persone who shall hereafter vote for such unwarrantable elections or shall accept of such comissions, not being qualified as saidis, to make payment to him for the comon use of the borrows of the forsaid penaltie of ane thousand merks als often and sua oft they transgress thir presentis, and that wndir the pain of rebellion and putting of them to the horne.

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8 July 1675.
Act, qualifica-
tions of comis-
sioners.

8. The present convention considdering ane draught of ane lettre direct to the Kings Majestie, with ane other letter to the Duke of Lauderdale brought in to them be the forsaid comittee, which being red before the said convention they did approve of the same, whereof the tenor followes :—Most sacred Sovereign. That which the last particular convention of borrows mett in January last by their letter to your Majestie wer hopefull should be performed by a generall convention is now actually done by us, in that wee haue condemned that unduetifull letter sent to your Majestie by that convention in August last and hes razed and expunged the samen out of our records, and by excluding unqualified comissioners fra our convention, and by reviving the acts of borrows in relation to the qualifications of commissioners to parliaments, conventions of estate, and to our own generall and particular meettings, and hes fortified the samen by adding of such certifications as wee are confident by your Majesties approbation (which wee hereby humbly intreat) will restore us to our priviledges in these poynts and secure us from fears of innovation

Letter to the
Kings Majestie
approved.

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Letter to the
King's Majestie
approved.

for the future. The papers relating to that affaire, and what vther particulars may concerne our estate, wee shall transmitt to his grace the Duke of Lauderdale (who hes signallie espoused our interest at all tymes and hes not bein wanting to give all dew encouradgement to ws in our duetifull obedience to your Majesties commands) to be communicat to your Majestie to be considdered, that these things which are burdeensome to our trade and prejudiciall to our just priviledges may be remoued by such effectuall ways as seems most expedient to your royall wisdom, assuring your Majestie that none within your Majesties dominions shall be more foirward and zealous with their lives and fortouns to serve your Majesties interest at all occassions then the royall burrows in generall, and in particular, most sacred Sovereigne, your Majesties most loyall obedient and duetifull subjects.

Letter to the
Duke of
Lauderdale
approved.

Followes the letter direct to his grace the Duke of Lauderdale :—May it pleas your grace. The inclosed papers will sufficiently evidence to your grace the duetifull actings of this generall convention which hes lyk-ways appoynted a comitie to meett shortly at Edinburgh for considdering of these things which are burdeensome to the trade of this kingdome and prejudiciall to the priviledges of the royall borrows, which when rypned shall be transmitted to your grace. In the mean tyme humbly intreating your grace to interceed with his Majestie that all effects of his Majesties displeasure may now cease, sieing the royall borrows are fullie returned to their duetie, and that your grace will endeavour the obtaining of his Majesties approbation of our inclosed act anent the qualifications of comissioners to parliaments, conventions of estats, and to our own generall and particular meetings, quhairby your grace will superadd ane eminent act of kyndnes to the royall borrows and infinitely to oblige ws to continow, sincerely and unalterably, your graces most humble and duetifull servands.

Lauderdales
servitors.

9. Appointed the sum of £30 sterling to be remitted to Mr Forrester and Mr Kirkwood, servitors to the Duke of Lauderdale, "for their great care and pains taken in the burrows affairs."

Comittie
appoynted.

10. Appointed a committee to meet in November next "to consider, consult, and advyse concerning all and everie particulars which are burdeens to the trade of this kingdom and prejudiciall to the priviledges of the royall burrows, and to take advice of the ablest lawers how the samen should be redressed, and the convention grants them most ample pouer and comission to take all effectuall wayes which may conduce for vindicating of their just priviledges."

11. On the supplication of Daniel Wilkie, son of David Wilkie, late dean of ^{GLASGOW.} guild of Edinburgh, and in respect of an agreement between him and William ^{8 July 1675.} Arnot, master of the conserjarie house at the staple port, the commissioners ^{Wilkie, master of conserjarie hous.} admitted the former to be master of that house.

12. Granted licence to the burgh of Perth "for setting furth of thair comon Perth. milnes, fishings, and Inches, for the space of nyne years."

13. Granted licence to the burgh of Linlithgow for setting their common Linlithgow. muir.

14. On the supplication of the burgh of Perth, "craueing the burrows appro- Perth, clerk. bation of ane gift granted be the said burgh of thair common clerkship in favors of John Tais, now their present common clerk, the saids comissioners of burrows wnderstanding the ability and good qualifications of the said John Tais for exercising the said office, doe grant their allowance and approbation thereto."

15. On the supplication of Alexander Young for himself and in name of Suittie, factor, ^{suspended.} George Suittie, cautioners for Patrick Suittie, factor at Dort, stating that "the said George Suittie is dead or dieing," and desiring to be exonered of his cautionary obligation, the commissioners "finding the supplication most reasonable and that the samen cannot be denyed in law," suspended Patrick Suittie from the exercise of his office as factor till he find caution of new.

16. The convention discharged all by past unlaws for absence from conven- ^{Unlaws, absence.} tions, but ordained the agent to exact the fines against those absent from this and future conventions.

17. Granted licence to the burghs of Irwing, Selkirk, Forfar, Kintore, ^{Exemption to severall burghs.} Inverurie, Rutherglen, and Inverbervie to abide from all conventions for the space of three years, on the usual conditions.

18. Anent the supplication given in be certain nighbors of Ruth- Rutherglen. glen against their present provest for certaine enormities comitted be him in his elections of magistrats and wrong imprisonment of his nighbors, the convention appoynts the burghs off Glasgow, Dumbartoun, Rhenfrew and Lanrick to consider vpon the said supplicationoun and inform themselves of the trueth thairof and to reporte the next generall convention.

19. Anent the supplication given in be the comissioner for the burgh ^{Selkirk, Peibles.} of Selkirk against the cordiners of the burgh of Peebles for exacting of ane extraordinar custom from the shoemakers of the said burgh of Selkirk by and attour the custom exacted by the said burgh of Peibles, therefor the convention appoynts Jedburgh, Lauder, and Lanerk to meett at some convenient tyme at the burgh of Peibles, and Selkirk to conveyen them, and to make inquiry anent the said complent.

20. The present convention of burrows upon a desyre from the Aberbrothok.

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8 July 1675.
Aberbrothok.

comissioner of Arbrothock ordains the agent to concurre with and assist him in defence of ane action persewed by the Earles of Panmure and Airlie against their burgh in prejudice of their liberties.

Haddingtoun,
wackmilne.

21. Approved of a tack by the burgh of Haddington to David Hepburn of their walk mill for the space of nine years.

Taxt roll.

22. The convention, taking to consideration the many petitions presented by the burghs craving ease of their proportion of the tax roll, ordained its alteration to be a head of next missive.

Conservator,
abuses.

23. It being represented to the convention by some of their number that shippis being cast into Campheer by stress of wether or any other accident, not intending at their first outgoeing of this kingdome to unload in any place within the sevin united provinces, wer by the conservator seased upon and made lyable in payment of his dewes, as wes lately practised by him, which being by the convention considered they find the same to be a great abuse and discouradgement of trade, and for preventing the lyke act of injustice in tyme coming they appoynt the present provest of Glasgow to writt to the conservator thereanent that no grund of such complents may be herecaftir, the tenor of which letter is absolutely referred to the said provest his discretion.

Agents
accounts
fitted.
Arbrothok.

24. Ordained the burghs to pay their shares of the agent's accounts, extending to £8832, 12s.

25. On the supplication of Arbrothock, the convention approved of an agreement between that burgh and Robert Carnegie of Newgate, and James Carnegie, his son, anent the difference regarding a little piece of pasturage ground called the Boulshill, Seagate and Madiegroms Croce, and of a feu right granted by the burgh to them of the lands called the Mureden, with 10½ acres of arable land in the Murelands, and common pasturage in the muir.

9 July 1675.

Carraill.

26. The present commissioners of borrows, understanding the sad condition of the antient burgh of Carraill that, in respect of severall debts and captions against the said burgh and their magistratts representing them, they have not been in capacitie to elect their magistratts thir four yeirs bygane, and in particularlie ane caption at the instance of William Broun, agent for the borrows, for payment of the missive dewes, extending to thrie hundred and eighteen punds Scotts or thairby, and for satisfaction

thereof the present commissioners of borrows has allowed to William Broun, agent, the lyke soume of thrie hundred and eighteen pundis, to be kept up in his own hand of the first and reddiest of the fynes to be exacted from the absents fra this present convention and others to come ; and discharges all furdre execution against the said burgh or magistratts thair of for all missive dewes due preceding the date hereof.

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27. The convention considering that by a former act £200 was to be paid to Inverurie the burgh of Inverurie out of fines for absence, which have now been discharged, ordained the agent to pay the same out of the first fines exacted for absence from this convention.

28. Discharged the agent to exact fines from Couper, Kinghorne, Brichen, Tain, Bamff, Forfar and Northberwik, in respect of missive letters containing relevant excuses. Fines discharged.

29. The convention having perused the articles of agreement betuixt the borrows and the conservator finds that they ought to be altered in severall particulars according to ane memor of amendiments read and approved by the convention and subscribed be their preses, and ordains the articles to be extended *in mundo* conforme to the saids amendiments and that [at the] sight and be advice of the committie that is to meett the third Tuesday of November next, or at sight of the commissioners of Edinburgh, Linlithgow, and Aberdeen ; which being done the convention ratifies and approves and appoynts the samen to be transmitted to the conservator to be approved by the Prince of Holland, States of Zealand and Toun of Campheer, which being lykwayes done the convention declairs the steple porte to be fullie settled at Campheer, dischargeing and hereby discharges all shippis and other vessells passing from this kingdom with steple commodities to goe to any porte within the seven united provinces bot to the toun of Campheer, under such pains and penalties as are contained in former acts of burrows against breakers of the steple porte ; [and] in regaird there is a letter from the toun of Campheer to the convention, showing that they had entred in a contract with the conservator for setleing of the Scotts steple there, mentioning in generall the conditions and priviledges of the steple as they are contained in the saids articles of agreement, therefor grants warrand to their clerk to writt ane letter in latine to the said toun of Campheer, bearing that the articles agried unto are not fullie satisfactorie bot yet in order to a finall close

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and settlement they have made some amendiments which is to be insert in the articles, and they being extended conforme, and the samen being ratified in manner forsaid, then they doe hold their steple to be unquestionable settled there, and this letter to be sent with all conveniencie.

Sallaries to
advocats.

30. The convention discharges the agent to pay any sallaries to advocats in any tyme hereaftir, becaus they think it altogether unnecesarie, becaus they are to pay them sufficiently when evir they shall be employed in any bussines wherin the borrows are concerned.

Agent to pay
the servants.

31. Ordained the agent to pay to Thomas Pirrie, the clerk's servant, and William Wood, "for thair pains in the borrows affairs, ten rex dollars each, and to Androw M'Curr, their post, £50 Scots for his extraordinarie pains."

Nixt conven-
tion.

32. Dissolved the present meeting and ordained their next to be held in July next.

EDINBURGH.
16 November
1675.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE *appointed by the tenth act of last General Convention, held at EDINBURGH.*

Commissioners

Edinburgh, Francis Kinloch, William Hamiltoun; Perth, Patrick Hay; Dundie, George Broun; Aberdeen, Gilbert Mollesone; Stirling, Robert Russell; Linlithgow, Alexander Milne; Glasgow, John Bell; Air, William Cuninghame; Haddingtoun, John Sleich; Kirkcaldie, Thomas Whytt; Monross, Robert Rennald; Dumbartoun, John Cuninghame; Queensferry, Archibald Williamsone; St Androis (*blank*).

16 November 1675.

Preses.

Commissions
approven.
Greivances.

1. William Binning, lord provost of Edinburgh, elected preses.
2. Approved of report by committee appointed for revising commissions.
3. Appointed a committee of six to consider the incumbrances that are lying on the trade of the kingdom, and to report to the meeting next morning.

17 November 1675.

Glasgow, de-
clarator of
thair rights.

4. The meetting, takeing to consideration that upon pretence of the late act of parliament, burghs of regalities and barronies invaides upon

many priviledges which are only compitent by the said act to royall burrows, does therefor ordaine that the said act of parliament be advised and consulted with the ablest lawers, and in respect the burgh of Glasgow and other burghs intends to persew a declarator of their right befor the lords of session founded upon the said act of parliament, it is therefor declared that the expensses of pley which shall be hereafter debursed be them in persewance of the said declarator shall be upon the comon charges and expensses of the haille burrows, and ordains their agent to concurre with them in that affaire by the aduice of Edinburgh, Perth, Linlithgow, and some other burghs next adjacent, who hes hereby absolute pouer to determin the proper tyme when it is fitt to move in the said declarator; and in case Glasgow doe contrare to their opinion then the burrows to be free of their expensses.

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1675.

Glasgow, de-
clarator of
their rights.

5. The meetting appoynts Edinburgh, Linlithgow and Queensferrie to doe their outmost endeavor to obtaine the concurrence of the Kings customers for making application to the lords of thesaurie that there shall be no goods imported or exported to and from any harbors within the kingdom bot allenarly at these ports and harbors belonging to the royall burrows.

Harbours of '
royal burghs.

6. The meetting finds it necessar that in due and convenient tyme ane address be made to his Majestie for dispenseing with the takeing of merchands oaths for custom and excyse.

Merchands
oaths.

18 November 1675.

7. The meetting haveing at seuerall dyetts both by themselves and by a comittie appoynted for reviseing of the articles of agreement with Campheer and the amendiments craved be the burrows to be insert in the saids articles wnder the hand of the provest of Glasgow, preses of the last generall convention, hes now at last fullie agreed upon the saids amendiments which being bot yett in a scroll the meetting ordains their clerk to caus extend in ane fair hand writting, which being done the same is to be perused by the lord provest of Edinburgh and thereafter to be signed at the foott of ilk page by his lordship and then transmitted to the conservator to be approven by the Prince of Orange and magistratts of Campheer, which being returned sua approven the meetting declairs the steple to be settled there as to all intents and purposes.

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pheer.

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1675.

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Forraign im-
ported barrells.

8. The meeting upon seuerall weightie considderations moveing them discharges the burgesses of royall burghs in all tyme coming to make use of forraign imported barrellis for packing of salmond, under the paine of confiscation or other penalties as the magistratts of the respective royall burghs shall please to inflict upon their nighbor burgesses, transgressors of the said actes.

Coall no staple
comoditie.

9. The meeting finds that coall is not nor never wes ane steple comoditie, and that what Sir Patrick Drumond, late conservator, he exacted as his dewes of the said comoditie the samen wes done unwarrantably, therefor discharges the present conservator and his successors in all tyme coming to uplift or exact any dewes of coallis comeing to any pairt of the united provinces; and Abirdein dissassents from this act ay and while it be maid appear that coall is not a staple commoditie.

Letter to
Lauderdale.

10. The meeting recomends to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Linlithgow, and to any other burghs that shall be in the toun for the tyme, to write ane letter to his grace the Duke of Lauderdale anent the takeing off that hevie impost of 50 solze upon the tun of Scotts shippis in France, and concerning any other incumberance lying upon the trade of this kingdome, as they in discretion shall think fitt to draw the said letter, which is altogether left to their prudence.

EDINBURGH.
4 July 1676.

GENERAL CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

Commis-
sioners.

Edinburgh, Francis Kinloch, William Hamiltoun; Perth, Sir Patrick Threepland; Dundie, George Broun; Aberdeen, Gilbert Mollisone; Stirling, Robert Russell; Linlithgow, Alexander Milne; St Andros, John Geddie; Glasgow, John Bell; Air, Robert Dook; Haddingtoun, John Sleich; Dysarte, James Boiswell; Kirkcaldie, Mathew Andersone; Monross, Robert Rennald; Couper, George Manson; Dumfrees, William Craik; Innerness, Alexander Cuthbert; Bruntisland, Robert Huggan; Innerkeithing, James Bennett; Kinghorne, Robert Bruce; Brichen, David Donaldsone; Irwing, James Blair; Kirkcudbright, Maister William Ewart; Wigtoun, William Coltron; Pittinweeme, John Watsone; Dum-

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fermling, Robert Walwood ; Dumbartoun, John Cuninghame ; Rhenfrew, EDINBURGH.
Peter Paterson ; Dunbar, Robert Pringle ; Lanerk, William Tueddell ; 4 July 1676.
Elgin, Alexander Russell ; Peibles, Gawen Thomsone ; Carraill, William
Moncreiff ; Barnff, John Strauchan ; Nairne, James Ross ; Rutherglen,
David Spence ; Northberwick, Alexander Home ; Cullen, James Lautie ;
Lauder, Alexander Home ; Sanchquer, Robert Carmichael ; Dingwall,
Ronald Bayne ; Dornoch, Alexander Ross ; Queensferrie, Archbald Wil-
sone ; (twenty-three burghs *absent*.)

4 July 1676.

1. William Binning, provost of Edinburgh, elected preses.

Preses.

5 July 1676.

2. Approved of report of the committee appointed for revising the commis- Commissions.
sions ; several commissions rejected, and the burgh of Dornoch fined for granting,
and the commissioner for accepting, the commission, the person appointed not
being an actual residenter within the burgh.

3. The convention, "in order to the full ripening of all affairs that may Committees.
happen to come before them," appointed a committee of fifteen burghs to con-
sider and report on the said affairs.

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4. Upon reporte made to the convention be the forsaid committie, Monros.
they appoynt the burghs of Perth, Dundie, Aberdeen, Kirkcaldie, Inner-
keithing to visitt the harbor of Monross the second Tuesday of August
next, who are to consider if the draining of ane peice land belonging
to Robert Roatt, late provest of the said burgh, will prove prejudiciall to
the said harbor ; and in case aftr visetting thereof they find the draining
of the said peice grund prove destructive to the harbor and shall declaire
so much under their hands, or shall reporte the same to the next particu-
lar convention, then and in that case appoynts the agent to concurre and
assist the magistratts of the said toun of Monross in stopping and im-
peding any gift to be past in exchequer for draining of the said grund ;
and in the mean tyme while reporte of the said comittie ordanis the
agent to concurre with the said burgh in stopping of the said gift wntill

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Monros.

the said comittie deliver ther opinion as said is in that matter; and the saids burrows to reporte their diligence thairanent to the next generall convention.

Exemptions.

5. Granted licence to the burghs of Kirkcudbright, Lauder, Nairne, Dingwall, Taine, and Cullen to abide from all conventions for the space of three years on the usual conditions.

Glasgow,
comon lands.

6. Anent the supplication of the burgh of Glasgow, craving authority to sell portions of their common mure for "improvement of their comon good and releeif of the poore," the convention approved of the sale of three pieces of land, one piece being called Liddellis Boag and another the Kows Lair.

Suittie, factor.

7. Alexander Young and the heirs of the deceased George Suittie were relieved of their obligations as cautioners for Patrick Suittie, factor at the staple port.

Haddington,
clerk.

8. The convention approved of the gift by Haddington to James Smith of the common clerkship of the burgh.

Leishman,
factor.

9. On the supplication of Walter Leishman, who had been admitted a factor at the staple port, but "in respect of the warrs falling out betuixt the Kings Majestie and the Estats of Holland and other impediments and obstructions following in the way, the said supplicant nevir went to the steple porte to receive his admission from the conservator, and so wes nevir in possession of the exercise of the said place," the convention relieved him and his cautioners of their obligations.

Relief of
prisoners with
the Turks.

10. Anent the supplication presented to the burrows be Alexander Knox, merchand in Glasgow, showing that his Majesties privie counsell haveing ordored ane contribution to be collected for ransomeing of severall prisoners with the Turks, did appoynt the supplicant collector thereof who gave sufficient caution to be comptable for his intromissioun, and the supplicant haveing ransomed seuerall persons for which he payed thrie hundred pundis sterling or thairby, and his Majestie haveing putt a stope to what wes collected preceeding February 1676 and what furdur wes to be collected throw the whole burrows, and the supplicant haveing made application to the privie counsell they be thair act the tenth of February 1676, for the reasons thereinmentioned, did take off the said restriction and gave warrand to the supplicant to uplift such souns as are collected alredy to be applied for the releif of the prissoners that are yett to be releived and towards the reimbursement of the supplicants expenses wherein he is superexpended, and therefor craveing such collections that are alredie collected to be given in to the supplicant and

such burghs that have not made their collection to goe speedily about the collecting thair of, the present comissioners of burrows does recommend the samen to the respective burghs and to goe about the samen with all convenient diligence.

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Relief of prisoners with the
Turks.

11. An act passed with regard to differences and disorders in Innerness. Innerness. This act, however, is altered and superseded by the 22d act of this convention.

12. Ordained that there be no alteration of the tax roll for the space of three years. Tax roll.

13. The convention, having considered a letter from the conservator, appointed a particular convention to be held to do what they shall think fit and expedient with regard to the affairs of the staple port and to consider as to stopping unfree places from transporting staple commodities, the granting by royal burghs of certificates and passes to strangers, and the down getting of the impost of 50 solze on the tun. Staple port.

14. Appoynts the comissioners of Edinburgh, Perth, Glasgow, Passes to Kirkcaldie and Queensferrie to speak to the admirall depute and to strangers and their ships. represent to his lordshipp the great prejudice the merchands susteans by granting passes in favors of strangers and their vessellis and shippes as if they wer natives and as if the vessellis belonged to Scottsmen owners, as lykwayes to represent to the secreet counsell that our admirall passes serves not for the Mediteranian sea bot only these which are from the admirall of England, that therefor their lordshipps wold be pleased to represent the samen to his Majestie, to the effect passes from our admirall may serve for the Mediteranian sea alsweell as those from the admirall of England.

15. Remitted to a committee to audit the agent's accounts and to consider the complaints given in by the provost and the town clerk of Rutherglen. Agent's accounts, Rutherglen.

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16. Ordained the burghs to pay their shares of the agent's accounts extending to £2821. Agent's accounts.

17. Upon reporte of the forsaid comitie, anent the mutuall complaints made be John Robertstone, late provest of Rutherglen, and David Spence, clerk of the said burgh, against others, and that the committee haveing taken pains to settle them they have at last submitted to their determination by a subscrivit submission, who haveing considered the Rutherglen.

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Rutherglen.

whole differences and compliments betuixt them, finds it the justest and proper way to settle and extinguish their divisions to remitt both pairties to the determination of the councill and magistratts of Rutherglen, and in case any difficultie aryse amongst them then the convention appoynts John Bell, present provest of Glasgow, togither with the comissioners of Dunbartoun, Lanerk, and Rhenfrew, to be oversmen; and in regard the aryse of the saids differences is much grunded wpon ane new sett and plett form of government of the said burgh which is represented to be noveltie and prejudiciall not only to the antient constitution of the said burgh bot ane evill preparative to other burghis, the convention haueing heard the said report approves of the samen in all poynts and ordainis the magistratts and councill of Rutherglen to produce the said new sett to the first particular convention that they may take such course therein as they shall think fitt.

Missive dewes.

18. Upon complement made be William Broun, agent to the burrows, that there is many burghs that are deficient in payment to him of their bygane missive dewes, therefor and for better and more punctuall payment in tyme coming the convention enacts and ordains that the comissioners for ilk burgh to the generall conventions in all tyme coming shall bring with them to the places where they shall happin to meett their proportion of the burrow dewes, conforme to the taxt roll, certifieing all such burghs that shall not be punctuall in payment of their bygane borrow dewes as said is shall be extruded and debarred from sitting at their generall and particular conventions and shall be holden as absents and proceeded against accordingly, and this to be ane constant head in all future missives to the convention of burrows.

Burnett, factor
at Dorte.

19. On the supplication of Thomas Burnett, factor at Dorte, the convention accepted of the demission of his office.

Agent at court.

20. The convention "appoynts William Broun, agent to the burrows, to pay to Sir William Sharpe, cashkeeper to his Majestie, the soume of tuo thousand merks allowed be the burrows to their agent at court yeirlie."

Cullen, Bamff.

21. Remitted to next particular convention the supplication of Cullen against Bamff for "certaine prejudices sustained be them anent the wplifting of severall customs dew to them of certain fairs and mercats."

Innerness.

22. The convention being truely informed of the great debates, divisions, and confusions that are both within the councill and amongst

the inhabitants of the toun of Innerness in relation to the election of magistratts and councellers of the said burgh, and considering that it is the humble desire of all pairties interessed in the saids debates that the present convention wold take the samen to their serious considderation and take such effectuall course therein as may prevein such daingers and inconveniencies as may prove fatall to that burgh if not tymeouslie composed by setleing of these differences, and the convention considdering that it ought to be their cheiff caire as it is the principall designe of their institution that the inhabitants within the royall burrows should live together in unitie, peace, and ane good understanding amongst themselves, and that when any divisions aryses within the royall burrowes it is there constant custome to appoynt some of their number to setle and determine their differences ; therefore and for the particular caire and respect they have towards the said burgh of Innerness, have appoynted, lykeas they be ther presents appoynt Sir Patrick Threepland, present provest of Perth, George Broun, present provest of Dundie, Gilbert Mollesone, present baillie of Aberdeen, Alexander Milne, present provest of Linlithgow, Robert Rennald, present provost of Monross, David Donaldsone, comissioner for the burgh of Brichen, Captane James Bennett, baillie of Innerkeithing, Archbald Wilsone, baillie of Queensferrie, and Mr James Rocheid, our generall clerk ; together with James Ross, burges of Nairne, Sir Robert Dunbar, provest of Forres, Ronald Bayne, laite baillie of Dingwall, Alexander Graham, provest of Forterose, or any sevin of them, to meett at Innerness the last day of August next to come with continuation of dayes and to call before them all persons within the said burgh, whether magistratts, councellers or other inhabitants, and to heare what each pairtie hes to alledge either for or against the forme and modell of the present custome of their burgh in the election of their magistrats and councill, and aftir hearing of the samen to determine setelle and compose all their differences in order to their future elections als far as possibly can be to the generall satisfaction of all pairties concerned, with full pouer to them if neid beis to establish and sett^{ane}ane plett form of government of the said burgh which shall be most agreeable to the lawes of the Kingdom, example of the best governed burrows of the nation, and to the particular constitution of the said burgh ; wherein the saids comissioners are to proceed and determine

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without partiality and in singleness of heart, haveing nothing before their eyes bot the true and solid interest of the comon weell of that burgh ; and inregaird the convention hes been at so much pains for the good and peace of that burgh, and that the forsaidis comissioners are to be at so much truble and expens as to goe to the said burgh of Inverness for their quiet and settlement, therefor the convention requyres and attests the hail forsaidis pairties who are anywayes concerned in the saids debates and divisions to lay asyde all partiality, animosities, humor, and their own private interest in the said affaire, and to give all dew respect, deference, and submission to what shall be appoynted and determined be our saids comissioners in the premisses as if the samen had been enacted and ordained by this present convention ; declaring that in case a quorum of our said commissioners doe not meet at the said burgh befor the election that the present magistrats and councillours shall proceed to ther election according to ther preceeding custome.

Letter to the
Duke of Lau-
derdale.

23. The convention ordains ane letter to be direct to his grace the Duke of Lauderdale and to be subscribed be the preses whereof the tenor follows :—May it please your grace. We the commissioners of the royall burrows haveing in our usewall way and tyme mett in ane generall convention at Edinburgh, and finding some designe to elude and disapoynt the last act made at his Majesties speciall command at Glasgow anent the qualification of our commissioners, wee thought it our duetie not only not to allow such commissions and commissioners as did not ansuer the designe of his Majesties gracious letter and our act made conforme thereto, bot lykwayes to fyne such as had transgressed, that both his Majestie and the world might see how much we resolved to lay hold on all occassions which may anywayes shew our zeal for his service, wherein wee will evir hazard our lives and fortunes ; and since your grace hes been evir so eminent ane encuradger of all who serve his Majestie faithfullie and particularly the royall burrows (for which they acknowledge themselves verrie much oblidged to yor graces favor) wee doe now earnestly intreat that yor grace would in our names assure his Majestie of our constant adherence to and dependence upon him in all his royall concerns ; and since wee are informed that the Frensh King hes lately sent over ane new ambassador to attend his Majestie, wee humbly intreat that your grace wold interceed both with his Majestie

and that ambassador that the heave burdeen of the fyftie solze upon the tun of Scotts shippis in France may be taken off, and that wee may enjoy such priviledges in the poynt of trade in that kingdom as our prediceffors wer in the possession of, as to which uther former experiences of your graces favor assures us that your grace will not in this so nationall a concerne deny your assistance to, may it pleas your grace, your graces most humble and duetifull servants. Subscribit in presence and at comand of the royall burrows of the kingdom of Scotland be William Binning, provest of Edinburgh, preses.

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Duke of Lau-
derdale.

24. Ratified and approved of the acts of the committee which met at Edinburgh in November last, excepting that Perth and Aberdeen dissented from the ninth act declaring coal to be no staple commodity, and Perth "disowns their comissioners sitting on the said comittie in respect the secreit councill hes annulled the last election of the magistratts and douncill of Perth who gave him ane comission."

Acts of comit-
tee ratified.

25. The convention revives ane former act made at the generall conventione holden at Perth ordaining the hail royall burrows to matriculate their coats of arms in the lord lyons books, and appoynts such of the burghs as have not as yet taken extracts of thair coats of arms furth of his books to doe the same with all convenient diligence.

Coatts of
Arms.

26. Ordained the agent to pay certain fees to the clerk's servant and others.

Agent to pay
fees.

27. Dissolved the present meeting and ordained the next to be held at Edinburgh in July next.

Nixt conven-
tion.

PARTICULAR CONVENTION, *held at* EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.
9 October 1676.

Edinburgh, Francis Kinloch, William Hamiltoun; Dundie, Thomas Bowar; Aberdeen, Gilbert Mollisone; Linlithgow, Alexander Milne; Air, Robert Dook; Haddingtoun, John Sleich; Kirkcaldy, Mathew Andersone; Monros, Robert Rennald; Bruntisland, Robert Hoggan; Kinghorn, Robert Bruce; Irwing, George Garvin; Pittinweem, George Russell; Dunbar, Robert Pringle; Queensferry, Archibald Wilsone. [Eleven burghs *blank*].

Commis-
sioners.

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9 October 1676.

9 October 1676.

Preses.

1. William Binning, provost of Edinburgh, elected preses.

10 October 1676.

Commissions.
Absent burghs
unlawed.

2. Approved report of the committee for revising commissions.
3. The convention having considered letters of excuse from Perth, Stirling, St Androis, Glasgow, and Couper, rejected the whole of them except Glasgow and Couper, which they found to be reasonable, and unlawed the others in £100 Scots each for being absent.

11 October 1676.

Expenses, com-
missioners.

4. Recommend to next general convention the allowing of the expenses of the commissioners appointed to meet at Inverness in August last.

Conservators
dewes.

5. The convention statuts and ordanis that no merchand shall be lyable in payment of the conservators dewes for staple comodities till the staple be setled at Campheer and the conservators right promulgat unles that the merchands receive the benefeitt of the staple.

Conservators
injunctions.

6. The convention statuts and ordanis that the articles following be added to the conservators injunctions given to him by the royall burrows at Dundie in July 1671, viz., first, that it shall be leisum to any merchand who brings staple comodities to the porte at Compheer, being present himself, to vend or dispose upon the same without employing any factor, the merchand paying the conservator and ministers dewes; secondly, that it shall not be leisum to the conservator to deput any factor to be his deputy nor that any factor be a member of the conservators court.

12 October 1676.

Coins.

7. The convention haveing heard the reporte of the comittee appoynted to consider the matter of inbringing of forraign coyne to this kingdom and making them pas according to the intrinsick value, and for keeping our own coyne within this kingdom, they judge fit tt and convenient that the Spanish and Dutch doucat douns may be brought in to pas at thrie pund ten shilling; the peice of eight, weighing fourteen drap, at tuo pund seventeen shilling; the French croun at tuo pund sixteen shilling; and for forraigne peices of gold, viz., the quadruple

Spanish pistoll, wieing fourteen drap, to pas at fourtie tuo pundis Scotts; EDINBURGH. 12 October 1676.
 and the half and quarter pistoll proportionallie; and the Hungary Coins.
 single doucat, wieing tuo drap bate sex grains, to pas at fyve pund tuell
 shilling Scotts; and the double doucat for the double of that soume.
 As also the convention considering the scarcitie of copper coyne, viz,
 turners, as also the usefullnes of small lay money of the value of 12d.
 and 6d., they therefor think fitt that ane humble adress be made to his
 Majesties privie counsell for procureing warrand for inbringing the saids
 forraign coyns to pas at the rates forsaid, and als that such a con-
 siderderable quantitie of these small moneys may be presently coyned as
 will serve the kingdom; and in persuance of the said designe, there
 being a draught of a supplicatione be the burrows to the lords of secreet
 counsell for that effect, and which being red wes approven and the lord
 provest of Edinburgh appointed to subscrivve the same in name of the
 burrows, which accordingly his lordship did in their presence, and thair-
 eftir the conventione recomendit to his lordship to doe his utmost
 endeavour to obtaine the said supplicatioun granted be the lords of his
 Majesties secreet counsell.

8. The articles of agreement betuixt the royall burrows and the Articles of agreement be-
tween burghs
and Campheer.
 magistratts of the toun of Campheer* subscriyvit be them anent the
 reestablishment of the Scotts staple there being produced be the
 conservator, the convention accepts and receaves the same as satisfactorie,
 excepting the following particulars, and which articles of agreement the
 convention only accepts with the explanations and alterations affir-
 mationed, vizt., 1. Whereas in the third article there is mention made
 of lead, lead ure and salt which are thereby declaired to be staple
 comodities, yet the samen are not, and in no tyme coming shall be
 holden as staple comodities. And becaus that salmond is such ane
 tender and perishable comoditie that it most only byde its season,
 therefor it is declaired that it shall be leisum to the merchant owner of
 that comoditie that in case there be not seal for such quantities thair of
 as are imported to the said toun of Campheer yeirlye preceeding the
 first of October, befor the fyfteen of the said moneth, and for sick
 quantities of the said comoditie as shall be imported eftir the said first
 day of Octobor yeirlye the same shall only ly till the last of the said

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moneth, after which tyme the merchand owner therof shall be free to take the same els where where he may haue best seal for the samen, he paying the conservators and ministers dewes therefor allenerly. And siclyke it is hereby declaired that if any shipp shall aryve at the said staple porte that is pairtlie loadned with salmond and pairtly with plaiding or any other staple comoditie and bound for any other porte outwith the sevin provinces, that aftir the plaiding or any other staple comoditie is disloadned it shall be leisum to the merchand owner of the samen to transporte the same to any forraigne nation without payment of any dewtie whatsomevir. And in regaird that stockings are not ane comoditie that frequently vends at the staple porte it is hereby lykwayes declaired that it shall be leisum to the merchand owner thereof (in case there be not seal thairfor within tuo moneths aftir the importing thair of) to transporte the same to any vther porte where they may have best seal therefor and that without payment of any dewtie except the dewes due to the conservator and the minister as said is. And whereas in the twenty third article of the agreement, there is insert the sevinteen provinces, yett the staple shall be only extended to the sevin provinces. And siclyke, whereas in the threttie tuo article of the said agreement subscrivit be the magistratts of Campheer there is ommitted these words following, viz., and als it is agreed that there be no confiscation of not entred goods comeing from Holland to the said staple porte by the custome office or for shorte entries bot only ane moderate fyne and that there be no more payed for measureing of plaiding then wes in Sir Patrick Drumonds tyme, viz., ane half stiver per taillie, or ane stiver ane hundred elns,—the convention declairs that these words ommitted shall be holden as added to the said 32 article. And in lyke manner, whereas in the 34 article of the agreement subscrivit be the saids magistratts of Campheer the words following are omitted which are insert in the other articles, viz. :—And the merchands to be free to sell their merchandice by the peice, number or bulk without being oblidged to bring the same to the wiehous,—the convention declairs that they condiscend and agree that the saids articles shall agree without the said addition. And sieing that there is insert in the 35 article of the said agreement fourfold dewtie, quhairas in the other agreement there is only double dewtie insert, the convention declairs that the said duetie

shall be allenerly extended to double duetie. As also the convention finds the 36 article of the agreement altered, and the words following insert, viz., according to the old list and tafflin of which a coppie to be delivered to the conservator; and therefor they declaire that instead thereof the words following are to be insert, viz., according to the table in Sir Patrick Drumonds tyme. And lastly whereas the threttie eight article of the said agreement subscrivit be the lord provest of Edinburgh and approven be his Majestie is omitted and ane other article instead thairof insert in the said agreement subscrivit be the saids magistratts of Campheer, the convention doe altogether disclame and disown the said 38 article according as it is insert in the agreement subscrivit be the saids magistratts of Campheer, and declairs they adheare to the 38 article in the other agreement subscrivit be the provest of Edinburgh approven by his Majestie. And the convention haveing called the conservator and the premisses being red in his audience he condiscended to the samen and promist to procure the magistratts and toun of Campheer their approbatioun of the samen, lykeas be thir presentis he oblidges him to procure their approbation thairof betuixt and the meetting of the next generall convention.

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9. The convention taking to ther consideration that by articles of agreement subscribit betuixt the royall burrows and the magistratts of the toun of Campheer and approven by his Majestie, and proclamation ishued furth by the secreet councill, the staple port is now fullie and legally settled and re-established within the toun of Campheer, therefor the convention not only declairs that the staple court is transported from the toun of Dorte to the toun of Campheer, and als fully secured there as to all intents and purposes as at anytime heirtofoir the samen hes been established at the said toun of Campheer, and that there lyes no obligation upon the royall burrows nor none of their inhabitants to transporte staple comodities to the toun of Dorte, bot also for the better and more punctuall observation of the said staple as it is now settled at Campheer, the convention renews and revives all and whatsomevir acts and statuts made by any former conventions in favors of the staple, and that against the breakers and contraveeners of the same, declaireing the generality to be als sufficient as if every particular act, statuts, penalties, and certifications wer particularly herein exprest, whereanent the convention dispenses

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for now and ever. And in respect that by express warrant from his Majesty contained in the approbation of the articles of agreement subscribed by the provost of Edinburgh, and in the foresaid proclamation emitted by the lords of his Majesties privie council, the convention has power to make acts for observance of the staple which shall be obligatory and binding to all persons who transport staple commodities to the United Provinces whither they dwell within the jurisdiction of the royal burrows or elsewhere, therefore the convention, according to the foresaid power and warrant, by their presentis amplifies and extends all and whatsoever acts of burrows which at any time heretofore has been enacted for binding of the burgesses of the free royal burrows to extend to be binding and obliging of all persons who shall transport staple commodities to the United Provinces whither they dwell in free royal burghs or without the same; and authorizes and impowers the conservator and the agent for the burrows to extend these acts against these persons who are not within the jurisdiction of the royal burrows without making any distinction or discrimination betwixt burgesses and these who trades not within the royal burghs; and ordains letters of horning to be raised at the instance of the conservator or his depute against all or any persons who shall hereafter transport out of this kingdom staple commodities to any other place within the seven united provinces then the said town of Campsie for payment of such fines as are contained in former acts of burrows made thereanent.

Staple port.

10. Appointed the burghs of Edinburgh, Dundie, Aberdeen, Monros, Air, and Queensferry to meet immediately after the rising of this convention and set down a table of the conservator's dues.

Articles of
agreement.

11. The convention considering that it will take a long time to insert the articles of agreement betwixt the royal burrows and the town of Campsie anent the staple port before their subscriptions to the actings of this present convention, therefore ordains and impowers their general clerk to insert them after their subscriptions which is hereby declared to be as effectual as if they had been inserted before the subscriptions.*

General clerk.

12. The convention on a representation by James Rocheid, their general clerk, "that he is badly paid of his yearly pension and other casualties due to

* See Appendix No. II.

him as clerk," ordained the burgh of Edinburgh in future to pay him out of the sums due by them to the agent.

13. Ordained the agent to pay to William Sharpe, in name of the Duke of Lauderdale, several bygone years' pensions due to his grace.

14. Ordained the agent to pay certain fees to servants and others.

15. The convention statuts and ordains the table of the conservators dewes to be as followes, viz. :

For each sack of goods, to be paid by the merchant sixteen stivers and by the skipper four stivers.

And the particular sackis to be as followeth, viz. :—Plaiding and fingrains, 1200 double elns at 120 dowble ellis the 100 ell ; wooll, 30 stone trone ; skinnis, 600 ; kerseyes and Galloway whytt, 600 double elns ; boot hose, 30 duzen of stockings ; stockings for men and women, 80 duzen ; Scots cloath, 24 peices ; woollin or linning yearn, 400 weight ; goat and buk skinns, 300 skinns ; heart hyds, 20 daikers ; salmond, 6 barrell ; butter and tallow, 2000 weight ; beiff, mutton or pork, 12 barrellis ; salt hyds, 20 daiker of kyne hyds and 15 daiker of oxen hyds, and the dried tanned hyds 20 daiker.

Item, ilk burges sone at his first voyadge from Scotland, 6 gilders ; and if he be not a burges sone, 12 gilders.

Item, each factor at his admission, 10 lib. Fleims.

Item, for ilk tun of wine imported to Campheer in Scotts shippis belonging to Scottsmen, the merchand sex stivers and the skipper tuo stivers.

Item, for ilk tun of salt imported in Scotts shippis and Scots owners, the lyk.

Item, the lyke for each last of goods comeing to Campheer in Scotts shippis and Scots owners from any pairt of the Easter seas.

Item, each last of corne comeing from the Baltick to Campheer in Scotts shippis and belonging to Scotts owners, 10 stivers.

Item, the factor is to pey to the conservator out of his factor fie vpon each sack of goods 10 stivers.

Item, as to all fynes and forfaultors that shall be dew by breach of the staple, the one half the convention declares to belong to the royall burrows, and the other half to belong to the conservator.

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Edinburgh, Francis Kinloch, William Hamiltoun ; Perth, James Shioch ; Aberdeen, Maister Patrick Sandilands ; Stirling, Robert Russell ;

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Linlithgow, Robert Milne ; St Andro's, Maister John Easone ; Glasgow, James Campble ; Haddingtoun, John Sleich ; Dysarte, George Sinclair ; Kirkcaldie, Matthew Andersone ; Monross, Robert Rennald ; Couper, George Mansone ; Dumfrees, William Craik ; Innerkeithing, Robert Baird ; Dumbartoun, Robert Watsone ; Queensferry, Archibald Wilsone. (Nine burghs *blank*).

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| Preses. | 1. William Binning, provost of Edinburgh, elected preses. |
| Comisions. | 2. Approved of the report of the committee for revising the commissions, finding them formal. |

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| Staple port. | 3. Remitted to the consideration of next general convention a letter from the conservator in relation to (1) the willingness of the magistrates of Campheer to insert in the articles an amendment as to a competent number of factors being sent to Campheer ; (2) the conservator's dues, craving the same may be 24 stivers on the sack of goods, and (3) his expenses in setting the staple since 1671, amounting to £988, 10s. |
| Stirling. | 4. The convention finding the excuse of the burgh of Stirling reasonable, discharged the unlaw imposed for absence from last particular convention. |
| Impost,
France. | 5. The convention of burrows being mett to advyse and consult anent the speciall affaire underwritten, takeing to their serious considderation that these many yeirs the trade of this kingdom to France hes continowed under the heavie burdeen of ane impost of fyftie solze upon the tun, and that these tuentie yeiris past there hes been almost at euery convention compliments made of that incumberance upon trade and many acts of burrows past made in relation to the doun getting thereof which hitherto hes proven ineffectuall, and the convention being now weell informed that at this present tyme there is ane seasonable opportunity offered for takeing off the said impost which if not imbraced and rightly improven the lyke occasion will not probably occurre in many yeirs, as lykwayes considering how advantageous it wold be to the haill royall burrowes and to the encuradgement of the trade and navigation of this kingdom the takeing off of the said heavie impost which in many cases amounts neir to the fraughts of shipps trading there, therefore the convention recomends the manadge- |

ing and ordoring of that affaire to the present commissioners of Edinburgh, Linlithgow and Glasgow and Queensferrie to act and negotiat the samen at the courts of England and France in what way and maner they think expedient; and becaus so great a transaction will requyre the expending of considderable souns of money many wayes the convention grants warrand pouer and comission to the saids commissioners to bestow and employ towards the doun getting of the said impost such souns of money as they in their discretion shall think fitt, provydeing the samen exceed not the soume of four thousand fyve hundred punds sterling; which soume of four thousand fyve hundred punds sterling the convention appoynts their agent to collect and uplift from the haill royall burrows according to their respective proportions of the taxt roll and to make payment thereof to such persones as the saids commissioneris shall appoynt to receave the same; provydeing always before any payment be made that the said impost be taken off and the Scotts shippis tradeing from Scotland to France or from France to any other place be fred of the said impost and they putt in actuall possession of the said priviledge and secured therein according to the lawes in France.

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France.

6. The commissioners recommended to the consideration of next general convention as to being reimbursed of the sum of £4500 mentioned in the preceding minute.

Reimburse-
ment of £4500.

7. The convention thinks it fitt and expedient that ane letter be written to his Grace the Duke of Lauderdale, whereof the tenor followes:— May it pleas your grace. Wee being informed that at this present tyme there is good grund of hope given us that upon active endeavours used the royall burrows may in probability be eased of that burdeensome impost of 50 solze laid on these many yeers by the Frensh King upon the tun of Scotts shippis tradeing to France contrare to our antient priviledges in that kingdom, upon which accompt wee are now mett at a convention called for that purpose and hes made ane act impouering some of our number to negotiat that affaire by your graces direction both at the courts of England and France, and being lykways informed that there is one of our own cuntriemen sent over from England to France to act in relation to maritime affairs in that kingdom, wee doe in all humility and duetifull submission intreat your grace to mediat with his sacred Majestie, the

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Frensh ambassador, and with whom your grace thinks fitt in that affaire that a present effectuall course may be taken for removing of the said heavie impost which at this time is one of the greatest concerns of the trade of this kingdom, and as the accomplishment thair of will be a singular advantadge to our trade so your graces endeavours will oblige the whole traders of the nation, the royall burrows (who are upon all occasions signally honored by your graces favors), and us in particular, to continue, sincerely and unalterably, may it pleas your grace, your graces most humble and obliged servants.

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Brown, agent,
discharged.

8. The convention considdering that the credit of the burrows is much concerned in raising of the foresaid soume of four thousand fyve hundred pund sterling towards the doungetting of the impost of 50 solze upon the tun of Scotts shippis in France, and haveing called befor them William Broun, their present agent, and enqyred at him what lenth he wold goe in ordour to the raising of the said soume, he declyned the samen, and being removed, the convention appoynted ane of their number to speak with him thairanent, who reported that he altogether refused the conventions desyre in the premises, therefor they think fitt to discharge him and hereby discharges him from being agent to the burrows in all tyme coming, bot haveing regard to his former services done to the burrows they doe continow his pension which he had formerly as agent to the burrows during thair pleasur, and ordanis the said William Broun to deliver upon oath to the provest of Edinburgh all such writts and papers as he hes in hes custodie belonging to the burrows, and appoynts the haille comissioners to intimate this present act to thair respective burghs that none pretend ignorance.

Wallace
appointed
agent.
Payments.

9. The convention appointed Heugh Wallace, writer to his Majesties signet, to be agent to the royal burghs.

10. Ordained the agent to pay to Thomas Pirrie 8 dollars, Andrew Moncurr 6 dollars, and Robert Baine 4 dollars.

APPENDIX.

NO. I.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT for settling the Staple Port at DORT or DORDRECHT, ratified by the Convention 7th July 1669.

Translated out of the Low Dutch language.

TO ALL PEOPLE of what estaite or conditione they are who shall sie or heir these presents to be read. Wee, Burgomasters and Ancient Councill of the citie of Dordrecht or Dort, certifie and make known that wee by our deputies or comissioneris, the Lords Johan Hallingh, ruling burgomaster, Adrian van Blyenborgh, lord of Naltwyck, Jacob van Beverin, lord of Suyndrecht, Cornelis de Witt, ruvaert or chiefe justice of the land of Puttin, or burgomasters or aldermen, and als of the lords Derck, Dammert, Alewyn of Halewyn, John de Witt, John wan Neurewbergh, Nicholas Stoop, Pompeyus Berk, Cornelius Pompe of Meerdervoort, lord of Hewdrick, Iden Ambacht, William Langlrie and Gorsprin van out Garden, all of the ancient councill, and lykwayes the lords nir Nicolas Vivien and Arent Muys van Holy, our councill recorder and secretarie respectively, have caused to treat with the honorabl lords Walter Chieslie of Dalry, Alexander Sandilands, baliffs or burgomaisters of Edinburgh, and Patrick Threep-land, provest of Pearth, comissioneris of the royal borrowis of Scotland, togidder with the Lord William Daudsone, knight, barronet, and resident of his Maiestie of Great Britane and conservator of the priviledges of the Scotts natione in these Natherlands, furnished and provyded with speciall and ample authorization by comissione from the above-mentioned royall borrowes of Scotland, granted and confirmed by approbatione of his said royall Maiestie of Great Britaine followeing therwpon, wherof the contents in the closure of this instrument is insert woord for woord, touching and concerneing certane ordinances and statuts necessarie and serviceable for the trafficking and comerce, and lykwayes the residence of the Scotts staple court within this citie, and that wee in that behalf are also fullie agreeit and concludit in the forme and maner contained in the following articles ; and therefore wee have wnto the Scotts staple afoirsaid, subjects of the said King of Great Britane who now or heirafter shall personallie

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masters and
council of Dor-
drecht.

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Prevention of
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Security to
those resort-
ing to staple.

reseid and traffick or trade within this citie, given, granted and promised that which heir wmdir followeth, namelie :—

1. And first of all it is speciallie agreeit, and wee burgomaisters and rulers of the city of Dort doe promise that wee, for the conservatiōe and maintenance of the new allyance and amitie which by divyne providence is made betwein his most illustrious Maiestie of Great Britaine and the hie and mightie Lords and Stats Generall of the vnited Natherlands and the long continowed injoyment of the sweet fruits of so blessed a peace, shall and will in all things to our power in all lawfull occatiōes or oppertunities seriouslie give a reall and readie demonstratiōe of our sinceir inclinatiōe to his Maiesties royall persone, auctoritie, and goverment and of our continuwall inclinatiōe to the weelfair and tranquillitie of his Maiesties realms and dominions, and more particullarlie with ane observance of respect tending to the honour of his ancient kingdome of Scotland, and lykwayes to the reputatiōe and intrest of all his Majesties good subjects therin, conformitie to the said articles of peace laitlie concluded and established.

2. Lykas wee also at all tymes heirefter shall and will forbid lett and hinder the buying and selling of all sorts of amunition of war, armes, offensive or defensive, to or by any fugitives, rebels, enemies, or any other disaffected to his royall Majesties interest, and lykwayes the printing and dispresing or publishing of all seditious books or pasqwills, or that the same shall be shipped or transported out of this citie, or any places wmdir the jurisdictione therof, wnto any of his Maiesties realmes or dominiones, and more especiallie to his Majesties kingdome of Scotland, bot that on the contrarie wee, efter that the samen shall be discovered wnto the lord conservatour, and that it shall by the said lord be given ws to wnderstand, then shall and will let, and hinder the samen, and that wee shall also according to demerit cause to be punised all such persones who in maner afforsaid should happen to offend, and that all such amunitione of war, aither offensive or defensive, arms, and seditious books shall be confiscated.

3. Furdermore, wee promise wnto these of the Scotts staple to give and grant them publict faith, securitie, and free and safe conduct made in new forme to the vse and behove of the lord conservatour and all otheris belonging wnto or depending wpone the said staple that they in their persones with their respective families and goods shall and may freeilie and peaceablie dwell, trade, and trafficque in this citie and the jurisdictione therof for als many yeires as shall be heirunder specifiet, and if in caice any civill, intestine, or forraigne wares (which God prevent) should aryse in such wayes that those of the said staple could not exercise ther comerce and trafficque in freedome and peace, that they then, ther persones, families, and goods, may freeilie transport them to such places as they shall find and think expedient; and in persewance therof wee shall and will be ingadged to provyd and furnish them at ther ovne reasonable charges with such ships, hoighes, boats, and other conveniences which shall be found fittest for ther best, securest, and safest transportatiōe, and also that wee in caice of any warr

to aryse (which God prevent) shall and will give all those who resort under the said staple (effer preceeding warneing to them given) the space of sex monethes to dispose of ther affaires and to recover the debts and also to pay and satisfie that which they then should be indebted wnto any inhabitant heire.

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churchyard.

4. Fourtlie, wee hawe granted and consented wnto these of the said Scotts staple a convenient and weill situat church called (*blank*), wherein to hawe and vse the exercise of the Cristian reformed religione according to the doctrine, service, and disciplin confessed, practised, and by the law of the kingdome of Scotland established, which church shall be kept in dew reparaire to ther content and good lyking without the charges of those of the said Scotts staple, wherin or in the which we also give and grant them full and free libertie of sepultur and Cristiane buriall of ther dead at what time soever they please to doe the samen that the said church and the church yaird thereof shall not be employed for or to the buriall of any other persones without preceeding consent granted by the lord conservator.

5. Wee also consent by these presents that those of the Scotts staple may take in ther service, vse, and employ such ane docter of phisick, master barbor, surgeane and apothecare, as they shall think good without any mans contradictione, and that the said doctor, chirurgiane and apothecarie shall lykwayes hawe and enjoy such immunities and priviledges as the doctors, chirurgians, and apothecares in this citie duelling or practiseing of right belougeth; nevertheless that all other doctors, chirurgians, and apothecars in this citie be freele permitted to practise among such of the Scotts staple and natione as are therin resident.

Doctor, sur-
geon, and apo-
thecary.

6. And wheras it will be necessarie that the saids Scotts staple court should be provydit for and furnished with faithfull and fitting messengers, officers, and servands, and lykwayes with broackers, also with weighers and measurers, that therefor wee, togider with the said lord conservatour, shall and will therwnto put and place so many and such honest persones, als weill out of the Scotts natione as inhabitants of the citie, as shall by them be judged and deemed to belong, all the which shall and most doe or tak the dew of alsweill to this citie as to the lord conservatour.

Messengers,
Officers, ser-
vants, etc.

7. And wee shall and will also provyde a fitting and convenient duelling house for the lord conservator his deputie, also for the thesaurer, secretarie or clerk, and lykways for the minister or preacher, in which houses the lord conservatour or his deputies at ther pleasures shall and may call and keep conventiones and assembles (as occatione shall requyre) of merchant factors, ship masters, mariners, retainers, and all other persones belonging to the said Scotts staple, without any impediment, hinderance, or molestatione, which said hous shall be gratis or without paying any thing, and shall and most also be repaired at the charges of the citie.

Dwelling-
houses for con-
servator, trea-
surer, secre-
tary, and mi-
nister.

8. And to the intent that the goods and merchandize may be stored, housed, Storehouses.

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and preserved, and lykwayes that all merchants, factores, shipmasters, seamen, collectors, and others above-mentioned, subalterne or inferior officers and persones belonging to the said staple, shall and may enjoy and have good accomodatione, that therfore wee shall and will furnish and provyd therwnto convenient duelling houses and chambers, warehoussis, and cellaris, and garretts, at a reasonable raite or pryce, and in caice any citizen or inhabitant should chance to ask ane unreasonable pryce that then wee shall and will moderate the same.

Consergerie or
inn.

9. Further wee hawe promised and ingadged unto those of the Scotts staple ane fair and lairge house, or more if it should be necessarie, weell accomodated [consergerie] or inne; in which said house all persones frequenting the Scotts staple, and being of the same natione, may adres themselves to eat, drink, and lodge, bot that no member of the said staple shall hawe libertie or be permitted to provyd the same with meat and drink or lodgeing without consent of the lord conservatour, yet nevertheless that the citizans and inhabitants of this citie shall and may be permitted to take wnto thier houses such persones who frequent the staple, and also to furnish and provyd them with meat, drink, and other necessaries.

Haven, boats,
carts, and la-
bourers.

10. We lykwayes promise to prepare for those of the said Scotts staple a safe, large, or spatious haven for their shippis, furnished and provydit with kayes and cranes for the lading and inlading of ther goods and merchandize, and to this end that those of the said staple may hawe the better conveniencie wee will give ordour to the heaven master that ther ships and wessellis may lade and inlade at the kayes without any let or hinderance, lykeas wee also at ther reasonable charges shall and will furnish and provyd they be served and accomodated with such covered and tented barks, boats, lighters, more especiallie in tyme of frost, when the ships cannot approach or come neir the citie, and also with a good quantitie of sledds, cairts, and labourers for the more tymelie and convenient lading and inlading of ther shippis and goods, thair respective wages or dewes whereof shall be regulated be ws and the lord conservator joyntlie, and in caice any of the said labourers should [use] any bad and uncivill words or language towards or against any merchants, factors, ship masters, and seamen, or any other persones belonging to the staple, wee shall and will speidilie cause the same to be punished or corected according to the exegence and demerit of the mater.

Bank of ex-
change.

11. We also take care and provyd that with the verie first ane bank of exchange shall be established in this citie for the remiting of moneys wnto all places, and wee doe also promise to furnish the merchants and factors of the said staple court with so much moneys as they shall hawe occatione to vse, and that wpone the securitie or assurance of ther goods for so long tyme and untill ther goods may or can be sold, provyding they in the meane tyme pay reasonable vse or intrest, namelie, as ten stivers per cent. by the month, and the days, weeks, and moneths proportionallie according to the same raite.

Borse or ex-
change.

12. Those of the Scotts staple aforesaid shall and may at ther pleasur also

frequent and resort wnto the borse or exchange which wee hawe caused to be placed or built wpon the mercat field of this citie.

13. Wee doe also promise to provyd and appropriat to the vse of those of the Scotts staple ane pleasant and delightfull place within or neir this citie for ther bodilie recreatione, pastyme, and pleasure, and also a convenient place for the merchants and factors to dry and air their sheip skins, hyds, or other goods which should be in danger to be damnified be water or other wayes.

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Place of recre-
ation.

14. Wee also promise and agree unto that wee in the night tyme will cause guid and sufficient watch to be keepit in the streets, and more especiallie in those places wher the greatest pairts of the warehouses of the said staple court are, and also take care that the citizens shall and most carie and demaine themselves peaceable and in ane friendlie maner wnto those who are members of the said staple court.

Night watch.

15. Furdermore, wee also promise unto these of the said Scotts staple court that wee shall and will make and keep the beame or instrument to weigh withall within our said citie according to the forme and custome of the weights and beam of the citie of Amsterdam, and that the dewes of all the goods and merchandize, and also for the vse of the respective cranes shall be payd conformable unto ane register quich shall be made with counsell and advyce of the lord conservator within ane month efter the said Scotts staple court shall hawe ther residence heir.

Weights and
beam.

16. That everie merchant or factor shall hawe the libertie to hawe and take ane freeman or labourer according to ther good will and pleasure.

Liberty to have
a freeman or
labourer.

17. Also the merchants of the said staple or ther factors in this citie shall and most not sell otherwayes then by the great or wholle seale, ther clothes, bayes or kersyes, and other wares, etc., bot that they nather shall or may retaill the same in small or by the ell.

Merchants to
sell by whole-
sale.

18. Furdermore, we promise for als much as lyeth in our power to vse all our possable endeavour, both by the lords stats of Holland and West Frizeland, and in persuance thereof by the stats generall, or generallie to the intent that staple guids which come from Scotland ower hither shall and may whollie and at once be freed from the payment of customes according to the example of the goods which are sent over and consigned to the merchant adventurs of the English natione for and becaus the Scots staple and the English companie or scocietie are of ane and the same kynd, and wee also promise (for als much as is in our power) to prevent and hinder that new burdings and impositiones, under whatsoever name or pretext or for what cause the same should or might be, shall for the future be put or consented wpon the said staple goods.

Staple goods
to be free from
custom.

19. Lykas, wee promise to vse all our best endeavours and offices to the end that the lastage and beacon moneyes, and lykewayes the imposts and dewes laid wpon the comeing in of the Scots coall, and also wpon the whyt Scotts salt, may whollie be taken away or laid asyd.

Endeavour to
remove im-
posts and dues.

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Members of
staple port to
be free from
taxes.

20. Wee hawe furdernore granted and doe grant and consent by these presents that the lord conservatour as supream or cheif magistrat, his deputtie, thesaurer, secretarie, and clerk, the minister or preacher, and inferior church officers, the conchergeire or innes, one or more (if need be), the lord conservator, collectors, his messers, serjands, and sworne servands, and furdur all other members of the said Scotts staple dureing ther stay or residence heir with their respective families shall be kept declaired and exempt from all taxis, contributiones, excyses, imposts, impositiounes, and taxationes, whatsomever the same might or should be, which are alreadie imposed or which heirefter shall or may be imposed or charged by the citie, and lykwayes from all such moneys which are payed to enter in or goe out of the gates of the citie by evening, from watching and paying the citie watchmen, from traneing and haveing of shouldiers onquartered in ther houses, which heir abovementioned priviledges and liberties to them granted shall and must be also enjoyed by the widowes of the above said persones as long as they remaine widowes.

Liberty to fish
and hunt.

21. As wee lykwayes give libertie to the said lord conservator or his deputie, cheif officers, and merchants, to fish, foul, hunt and haulk in all places vnder the jurisdictione of this citie.

Liberty to use
prison.

22. Wee also promise and consent that the lord conservatour or his deputie shall and may vse the prisone of this citie at his pleasure, furnished with all necessars therwnto belonging, in which the said lord conservator or his depute shall and may cause to be imprisoned all such debtors and lykwayes all such offenders and evill doers of the Scotts staple, which he shall and may at his pleasure discharge and releise without any mans leive or contradictione, and that the chiefe officer of the citie and his marshall or officers be bound (as often as the same shall by the said lord conservator or his depute be requyred) to give him all dew assistance.

Pilots.

23. Wee also promise by these presents to take great care that successivelie knowing and weel experienced pilotts may be appointed to conduct and pilot the ships belonging to the staple in and out in tyme of storme, mist, and dark weather, and also through the Kill, whose waiges or dewes (with speciall comunicatione and approbatione of ws and the lord conservatour or his deputie) shall be regulated or reduced wnto a register or cattolloge, to the end that payment may be made according therwnto als oft as the saids pilotts shall hawe conduced in or out factors or shipmasters ; and if so be that any ship or ships (unexpectedlie or against hope) should come to miscarie neir this citie, that wee then shall and will at ther reasonable charges cause to be vsed all possible and speedie help and assistance to preserve and releive the said ship.

Shipwrecked
goods to be re-
stored.

24. And in caise any guids or ships that are parishd or miscaried which of right belongs unto the merchants and factors of this staple should be saved by any of this citie or the jurisdictione thereof duelling or sojourneing, that we shall and will diligentlie search and follow the same, being found, be it wheresoever of,

by whomsoever it might or should, that wee shall and will presentlie cause the samen to be restored unto the lawfull owners and proprietars thereof, provydit that they then shall be ingadged to pay dew and convenient salvage money for the same; and in caice any such goods as abovementionat should be kept secret or hidden or dishonestlie or forceable alienated or detained by any native inhabitant or others resorting under the jurisdictione of this citie that wee then and in that caice shall and will compell and constrane all such persones to restore and make good and satisfie the saids goods unto the trew owners and proprietars, and will cause the saids offenders to be severlie punished according to the demerite of ther comitted hyding therof and unjust detaineing or keeping up of the same.

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25. And in caice it might or should happen that any ship or ships comeing hither from Scotland with staple wares should goe so deep or draw so much water that the same could not advance or come before the citie without being lightened, that we then shall and will at and wpone our charges or coasts cause the said ships to be so much or so far lightened as that the said ships shall and may pas the shallowes or banks which may be found in the way, and to the end that the same may not be pretexted or pretendit without necessitie that wee shall or will not be ingadged therewnto unles that the same shall be first given ws to understand, and that the samen shall be adjudged that it most be done by ws togidder with the lord conservatour or his deputie.

Ships passing
through shal-
lows.

26. And in caice any ships should be retarded in the Kill by reasone of contrarie winds in so much that the same should or could not pas without the meanes or assistance of drawing horses that then and in that caice, but not otherways, wee undertake to furnish the saids horses at our charges.

Assistance in
bringing in
ships.

27. In caice any goods or wares should chance to suffer any damnag or los by negligence, refractorines, or want of care of the cranmaster or his substituets, servants, or any on els by him imployed in the ladning and unladning of the ships, that then the said cranmasters shall and must satisfie the damage and loss caused in that behalf, the satisfactionne whereof wee will compell them to make and doe in caice of ther refusall to doe the same.

Goods dam-
aged in loading
or unloading.

28. As also wee promise at all tymes at the request of the lord conservator or his deputies to vse all fitting and convenient offices and indeavours by court or colledge of admiraltie in the Maz, to the end that by the same a man of war may be franklie and freelie furnished out to convoy the ships of the said staple (which shall and may be readie to saill or run out) to all places within the river Forth or to any other places in the kingdome of Scotland, and ther to stay and attend the space of fourteen dayes wpone the ships and to convoy the same back againe hither in safetie.

Convoy to be
furnished to
ships.

29. Even as we also promise to vse all dilligence and indeavouris by the lords states generall to the end that these of the said Scotts staple ther guids may not be foirfaulted or confiscated notwithstanding that the same should not, by any misunderstanding, mistake, or neglect, be dewlie declaired entered and given, on

Endeavour to
prevent forfeit-
ure of goods.

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either in respect of the quantitie or qualitie thereof, but that such of the lyk caice the transgressor or offender should onlie be punished with the penaltie or foirfaultor of double or twyse as much as shall be found to be too short entered and payed, over and above such a pecuniall penaltie as the lord conservator according to the qualitie of the offence, shall judge to belong.

Ships robbed
on the seas.

30. And in caice that any ship or ships should or might be robbed or dispoyled on the seas by any inhabitant or any other persone resorting under the jurisdictione of this citie, that wee then and in that caice stand bound and oblidged to indeavour according to our power that all such ships shall and must be restored againe with the wholle loadning thereof, or els full satisfacione shall be made or given for the same according to the just value thereof, and that wee will cause the delinquent to be punished according to the demerite of the cause, bot in caice the offender should or might duell undir ane other jurisdictione then wee shall and will, at the charges of the citie, cause to sollicite the restitutione and satisfacione therof by our recorder.

Admiralty
court.

31. Moreover that wee shall and will wpone all occationes (wherin any one of the Scotts staple should hawe any thing to agitate or doe before the admiraltie court or should be concerned in any cause or pley properlie belonging wnto or depending wpone the said court) vse all possible dilligence and means to the end the said court of admiraltie may grant the same guid and short or speedie right and expeditione of justice.

Privileges of
conservator.

32. Fordermore that the said lord conservator or his deputes shall wpone all occationes and in all caices hawe and enjoy all such exemptiones, immunities, priviledges, and prerogatives as according to law or custome doe belong to the office of the conservatorship in als full and ample forme and maner as any preceeding lord conservator had and enjoyed.

Jurisdiction
of court of
conservator.

33. Fordermore, wee hawe consented and agreed, at the entreatie of those of the Scotts staple aforsaid, that the lord conservator, without let, hinderance or trouble, shall and may exercise jurisdictione in all causes, both civill and criminall, wpone the persones and guids of all those who belong unto the Scotts staple, yet notwithstanding with this provisiōe that the said civill causes shall and most be betuixt tua Scotts who depend wpone or belong wnto the said Scotts staple, and that the cryme shall and must be also perpetrated or comitted as abovementionated by one Scott against another also belonging to the said staple, and that not ws, nather any judge in this citie, shall or will take or pretend any cognizance or informatione of the said cause aither civill or criminall at any tyme falling out or happining betuixt tua persones of the Scotts natione as above said, bot that the saids causes and places shall and must be pleaded and by definitive sentence be determined by the court or judicator of the lord conservator, and that without any contradictione or apaille, and in caice of any disobedience, coutumacie, oppositione or resistance against the same, that wee shall and will shew and demonstrat the lord conservator or his deputie all dew help and assistance to bring the offenders to dew obedience or condigne punischment.

34. And it is further concluded and agreed that if any of our citizans, inhabitants or strangers, being no Scott, shall have any civill actione against any one of the said staple or therwpon depending, that it shall be lawfull for him to commence or prosecute aither before ws or befor the court of the lord conservator, nather shall it be lawfull or permitted to him to doe the same elswher at the first instance, unles the instruments or obligationes contain prorogatione or jurisdictione, or that the plentiffs are priveleged or exempt persones; and that if the plentife will prosecute or follow his proces or suit before ws, and that then als weill the plentife as defendant shall and most vse the law of this citie, but in caice the plentiffe shall joyse the court of the lord conservator for judge, and shall institute or commence his actione ther that then he shall and most also prosecute the same before the said court and submit himselff unto the sentence and judgment which shall be ther given and be therwith contented; but otherwayes, als oft as ane Scotts man shall or will prosecute his causes judicallie against any of our citizans, inhabitants or subjects or any strangers, be it quho it will, that no Scotts man or retainer to the said staple shall be bund or obleidged alwayes to doe the same before ws; and both pairties shall and must hold for valid and accomplish that which shall be pronounced be ws, provydit and in caice that no apaille from the definitive sentence be interposed. And furdernore that for the better accomodatione of the said Scotts staple court and ther members and retainers, and for the more expeditione of ther causes and actiones which shall come before ws, ther shall be established and made ane extraordinarie roll of all causes and processes hanging and depending between any one of the said staple and others, to the end that the same may first and before other causes be dispatched and finished, to which end wee doe promise the said staple that all suits in wrying or consisting in facts shall be determined within fourtein dayes efter the full furnishing of the wrytings or instruments.

35. And if it should happin (which God forbid and out of expectatioun) that any one of the Scotts staple came to faill and be insolvent, and should be indebitit to any of our inhabitants, that then and in that caice wee and the lord conservator of each syde shall sett ane curator or owersier who shall and most, joyntlie or togidder, dispose and manage the estaite of the pairtie insolvent *ad opus habentis* or to the vse of them that had right therwnto.

36. Wee haue also grantit to those of the Scotts staple that all acts, ordinances, pronounced sentences, statuts, and decrees mad and granted in the lord conservators court, and lykwayes all certificats and lettres testimoniall given, granted, and acknowledged wnder the hand of the lord conservator or his deputie or secretarie, with the seall of the office therwnto anexed or appending, shall and most in all maters be held and esteemed as firme, legall, and authentick to all intents and purposes in all causes, both civill and criminall, as any other given and granted be ws or any judge in the citie, the maters properlie belonging to ther knowledge and judicator.

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Insolvency of members of staple.

Writings issuing from conservator or his court to be held authentic.

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Scotsmen, bur-
gesses of Dort.

Arrestment of
person or goods
of members of
staple port.

Criminals'
goods not to
be confiscated.

Apprehension
in criminal
matters.

37. That no native citizan of this citie, or any stranger duelling or sojourning in this citie or the libertie therof, shall or may directlie deall or traffique to Scotland in any guids or merchandize which alreadie are declaired or which heir-etter shall be declaired to be staple goods, wpon the penaltie that the saids goods shall be confiscated and the saids persones to be corrected and punished according to the exigence and demerit of the mater.

38. None of the Scotts natione shall or may be made a free burges or citizan of this citie without knowledge of the lord conservator or his deputie.

39. Wee also grant that non of the said staple shall or may be arrested in his persone or guids in this citie or the jurisdiction therof for debt or any other civill actione and mater quhairwpon no sentence is passed without fore knowledge and consent of the lord conservator or his deputie, wlnes that he be fugitive or much suspected to be fleing away, and be insolvent, in quhich caice, efter intimat-ione therof made to the lord conservator or his deputie, if the said persone can give any securitie or cautione by a merchant of the said staple or a citizane or inhabitant of the citie; or otherwayes sufficientlie secure, that then he shall and may be arrested and detained in prisone and be mainteined as our ovne citizane wlnes he content his creditor or creditors; and in caice any persone obtaine ane warrant of the court of Holland against the persone of any ane of the said staple that he then in that caice shall enjoy such justice and right as to the citizans of the citie are granted in that behalf.

40. If it should happine (which God defend) that any one of the said staple or ther adhearance should in this citie or priviledges therof comitt such ane cryme or fault for the which he most and oght be punished capitally or by loss of his lyfe, that therfore his goods by reasone therof (wlnes *in crimene leso majestatis*) shall not be forfeaulted or held as confiscated, bot that the same shall be left free to his heires, nather shall nor may the goods of his principall or freinds that shall be found in his or any other mans hands be confiscated for any absence by him comitted althou it wer *in crimene leso majestatis*, be it whatsoever it should, bot shall be left free to his principall and to the right owners therof; and lykwayes that no other persone guiltles and innocent may or shall be in anywayes arrested or molested in persone or guids for the offence or fault or guilt of ane other, nor further then that each on his offence or falt deserveth, and requyreth, wlnes he be guiltie in the same fault or cryme or hes bund and obleidged his persone or guids for ane other.

41. If any one of the said staple should be apprehended for any criminall maters, not *ex officio* nor by formall accusation of our officer but by the information or accusatone of another, that then and in that caice our officer shall be bound and obleidged at the instance of the pairtie apprehendit immediatlie to cause the persone who have requyred the apprehensione to be apprehendit and kept prisoner wntill that cleir proof be made concerneing the cryme or delet wherwith the pairtie apprehendit is accused, and in caice of failzie therin that

then he quho wes apprehendit by his accusatioun [shall have compensation] for his susteined injuries, coasts, damages, and interests according to the demerite of the cause or mater.

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Letters of respite or cessio bonorum.

42. And wee doe lykwayes promise and obleidge ws that wee nather shall or will give any protectione or letters of respyte or tyme or *cessio bonorum* by our recomendatoriall, nor procure the same for any persone who is indebitit to any of the said staple, or who is verie indebitit aither to any of our citizans or inhabitants or other stranger, quhatsomever the same should be, bot wee shall and will that the same (in regaird the debts originallie belonging to any of the staple) shall cease and be voyd and without effect.

43. Wee promise that in caice thereafter it should be found good and needfull that any other points should be inserted and annexed wnto these articles that wee (being therewnto requyred) shall and will condescend so far therin as right and reasone shall give place.

Provision for other conditions.

44. And wee promise yeirlye and euerie yeir wpone ane certain day in some convenient place to assemble all the officers and publict persones with whom those of the said staple shall hawe thing to doe, namelie, the crane masters, weighous masters, the joylours or keepers of our prisones, carmen, shipmasters, sledmen, and the lyk, and shall and will before them and wnto them cause be publictly read and declaired all and everie priviledges of the said staple for as much as concernes the saids officers and the other above named persones therin service, to the end they may the better know how to regulate themselves therin and carie themselves accordinglie for the more readie observance of that quhich concernes ther service.

Privileges of staple to be publicly read yearly.

45. And if any one other citizan or inhabitant of this citie, or any one depending wpone the said staple, of whatsomeuer qualitie or conditione the same should be, shall be found to hawe done anything against this agreement or any point or clause therin contened, that therfore the said agreement shall not be holden or wnderstood to be violated or brocken, bot that the contraveiners or violaters shall be punished for the same respectivelie by ws and the said lord conservator or his deputie according to the ordinances and statuts.

Infringement of agreement.

46. Fordermore, wee grant and agree wnto those of the said Scotts staple court that any one of ther members happining to die or deceas without his last will and testament, and therefor dieing intestat, that then and in that caice ther guidis and estaite shall and most fall under the administratione of the court of the lord conservator, in soe much that nather wee nor the orphants court of this citie shall or will hawe anything to doe with the said goods or estaite or exercise any auctoritie therwpone, and by consequence that nather wee nor the hospitall or deacons of this citie shall or will take or hawe any charge or care of alimentatioun or educatione of the childering which shall be found in mortuarie houssis or estatiss which should not [be] able or sufficient to educat and bring wp the same.

Members of staple dying intestate.

47. Lyke as wee or our said hospitall or pious houssis or deacons nather

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shall nor will have the charge of the alimentation or other wayes of any poor decayed persones who are or shall be impoverished by adversitie or ill fortoun fallin unto povertie or decay, als weill in respect of the said persones themselves as in regard of thier childring, in so much that all impoverished or decayed, als weill old and young persones, in whatsoever conditione the same should fall, shall and most be and remaine at the coast and charges of the said staple court.

Staple estab-
lished at Dort
for 21 years.

48. And it is furder more concluded and agreeit between ws and the said comissioners of the said Scotts staple who are nominated in the beginning of those articles that the recidence of the said staple court shall and must provisionallie be setled and established within this citie for the space of twenty and one yeires nixt enshewing and shall and must be also ingadged to forewarne on the other sex months before the expiratione of the said tyme whether this agreement shall continew longer or not.

Endeavour to
get agreement
ratified.

49. And finallie, wee promise to vse all endeavours to the end that this concluded agreement may be confirmed and ratified by the lords states of Holland and consequentlie also by the lord states generall of the united Natherlands.

Privileges to
those of the
Scots nation.

50. Also wee promise generallie to grant wnto these of the Scotts natione all such exemptiones, immunities, freedomes, and priviledges as they haue enjoyed by the Emperor Charles the Fyft, Philip the Second, King of Spaine, Duks of Burgundie, Earle of Flanders, and the same or als much as those of the Inglish natione enjoy in this citie and heirefter shall or may enjoy tuching and concerneing this citie or the jurisdictione therof.

HEIR FOLLOWETH the contents of the Commissione, Confirmatione, and Approbation, standing mentioned in the begining heiroyf.

Commission by
the Burghs.

VNIVERSIS hominibus ex literis presentibus notum sit, nos Régium Scotorum Burgorum deputatos, Edinburgi in conventu generali nono die Martij, anno millesimo sexcentesimo sexagesimo octavo coactos intento apud nos reputantes emolumenta ad ordinem nostram totiusque regni comertia ex certo et stabili emporio in aliquo Belgii inferioris portu constituto redundatura, quamque necesse sit et expediat, viros quosdam peritos et prudentes huic rei idoneos autoritate ad eam conficiendam munitos mitti et legari: certissimos de candore, peritia aliisque delectorum nostrorum amicorum et civium, Walteri Cheislie et Alexandri Sandilandis, mercatorum et civium Edinburgentium et Patricii Threepland mercatoris et civis Perthensis, virtutibus, id circo plenam facere potestatem, legare, diserte iubere, mandare et edicere dictis Waltero Cheisli, Alexandro Sandilandis et Patricio Threepland, aut eorum duorum quibusvis ut pro ipsis et ipsorum nomine, agent, peragent ac statuunt cum legatis cujusvis maritimi portus in inferiore Belgia, quem ipsi maxime idoneum iudicaverint, et in quo conditiones ob stabile emporium ibi constituendi vtilissimas obtinere possunt: firmum et ratum habentes et habituros quodcunque statueretur, et in qua a dictis legatis nostris

aliisque qui dicta burga et portus, quorum alicui stabile hoc nostrum emporium anectetur, representabunt ; et stringentesque nosmet dictum contractum a bur-
 gorum conventu Edinburgi ad diem proxime sequituram a dicto
 ratum habiturum [uel] inque proximo generali conventu pro vt vtrivis parti
 necessarium videbitur ; decernimusque presentes subligandos a magistro Thoma
 Young, clerico nostro generali, sigillumque cause dicte civitatis Edinburgi iis
 appendendum.

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Erat subsignatum Tho. Young, clericus, inferius habens rubrum
 sigillum.

[BE IT KNOWN to all men by these present letters, we the commissioners of the
 Royal Scottish Burghs being met together in the general convention, held at
 Edinburgh on the ninth day of March in the year one thousand six hundred and
 sixty-eight, taking into our consideration the benefits that would redound to
 our order, and to the commerce of the whole kingdom, from the establishment of a
 sure and fixed staple port in some haven of the Netherlands, and how needful and
 expedient it is that some experienced and prudent persons, fit for such a scheme,
 and commissioned with authority to bring the same to effect, should be sent and
 delegated; and being well acquainted with the honesty, skill, and other qualifi-
 cations of our well-beloved friends and conburgesses Walter Cheislie and Alexan-
 der Sandilands, merchants and burgesses of Edinburgh, and Patrick Threepland,
 merchant and burgess of Perth, therefore we give full power, commission, expressly
 bid, charge, and command the said Walter Cheislie, Alexander Sandilands, and
 Patrick Threepland, or any two of them, for them and in their name, to act,
 treat, and determine, with the deputies of any seaport in the Netherlands which
 they shall deem the most suitable and in which they can find conditions best
 suited for establishing therein a staple port : Firm and stable holding and for
 to hold whatever shall be determined and agreed on by our said deputies and
 the others who shall represent the said burghs and ports to any of which this our
 staple port shall be annexed ; and obliging ourselves that the said agreement shall
 be ratified by the convention of burghs at Edinburgh, on day next
 following the same or in the following general convention as shall seem most
 necessary to both parties. And we appoint these presents to be subscribed by
 Master Thomas Young, our common clerk, and that the seal of cause of the said
 city of Edinburgh be appended thereto.]

Translation of
 commission by
 Burghs.

Under the signature of Thomas Young, clerk, having a red seal beneath.]

CHARLES R.—WHEREAS our royall burrowes of our kingdome of Scotland
 have made choyse of Walter Cheislie and Alexander Sandilands, balyies of Edin-
 burgh, and Patrick Threepland, provest of Pearth, to goe to the Vnited Provinces
 ther to treat and conclud for setling the staple porte by our comissione and allow-
 ance, therefore wee doe give full power and authoritie to the said three comissioners

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or any two of them, with advyce and consent of Sir William Davidstone, our recident for the affaires of that kingdome and conservator, to treat and conclud with any of the sea ports or towns of the Vnited Provinces which they shall find most fitt and comodious for the Scotts staple porte, and to give ws ane accompt of the samen, for all quhich this shall be to them ane sufficient warrant. Given at our court of Whitehall the one and twentie day of Apryle ane thousand sex hundredreth and sextie and eight and of our reigne the twentie yeir.

Lower stood : By his Majestie's comand. And wes subscriyved: LAUDERDAILL ; being sealed in reid wax.

Approbation
by the King.

CHARLES R.—TRUSTIE and WEEL BELOVED, wee greet yow weill. We hawe receaved ane particular accompt of the articles agreeit wpon by you with the toun of Dort concerneing the setling of the Scotts staple in that toun, as also of these articles which the magistrats of Travar are willing to grant for continowing the staple, and haveing considered altogider with the reasons yow gave for setling it at Dorte, and being willing to countenance the trade of our ancient kingdome of Scotland and to give our royall assent to what seems most advantagious for the same, therefore wee doe by these presents authorize yow to signe those articles with the toun of Dort of quhich yow sent ane copie to our secretarie, by quhich yowe are to remove the Scotts staple from Tarver to Dorte and to setle it ther, and so wee bid yowe fairweell. Given at our court at Bayshot the sevint day of September one thousand sex hundredreth and sextie eight and of our reigne the twentie yeir.

Lower stood : By his Majestie's comand : LAUDERDAILL ; being sealed in reid wax.

Attestation.

This done, treated, agreeit, and concludit, and lykwayes heirop made twa of, on tenor, wpon the first of Octobor in the yeir of our Lord one thousand sex hundredreth and sextie eight, and is subscriyved in originall out of which this translatione and copies are maid with severall hand and sealed with severall seall in read hard wax.

JOHAN HALLUNG.

JOHAN BEVEREN.

DE. DANMERT.

I. VAN NEWRENBURG.

NICOLEAS VIEVIAN.

C. DE WITT.

JOHAN DE WITT.

POMPEIUS PERCK.

CRISPIN VAN UT CAERDEN.

A. MUYS VAN HOLY.

Sic Subscribitur.

Faithfullie translated and copied out of the Duch originall and English copies be me, John Cors, by the auctoritie of our Sovereigne Lord King Charles the Second, admitted and sworne notar and tabellion publict, at present in Rottardame, the twentie third of September 1668.

Jure attester et Rege.

JAMES CROS, notar publict, 23 September 1668.

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ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT for settling the Staple Port at CAMPHEER,
ratified by the Convention, 9th July 1675, and 12th October 1676.

TO ALL PEOPLE of what estate or condition they are who shall heare and see these presents. Be it kend that whereas the nation of Scotland by mony antient contracts and agreements made with the toun of Campheer did for many yeirs enjoy the priviledges, liberties, and immunities in their trade and establishment of their staple court within the said toun untill the late interruption by the removeall of the said staple court to the toun of Dordrecht, and now wpon a humble adress made to the most seren and pouverfull prince the King of Great Britan by the royall burrows of his Kingdom of Scotland, it hath pleased His Majestie to command hither Henrie Wilkie, conservator of the Scotts nation and resident for all affairs relateing to that kingdom, with pouer to him to treat within any toun or place in these united provinces upon articles for the good and aduantage of the trade and commerce of his ancient kingdom of Scotland, and for the resettlement of the Scotts staple court, and the said conservator finding by experience that the toun of Campheer hath been long frequented by the Scotts nation wpon the consideration of the goodnes of the porte, in perseuance of his comission both from the Kings Majestie and the royall burrows of Scotland, hath entered into treatie with the magistratts of this toun in order to the resettlement of the Scotts staple court here. Narrative.

A true coppie of the saids comissions doeth herefitir follow :—

CAROLUS, Dei gratia Scotie, Anglie, Francie et Hibernie Rex, fideique defensor, etc., omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos presentes litere pervenerint, salutem. Sciatis quandoquidem nobis innotescit locum et officium Conservatoris priviledgiorum subditis hujus antiqui regnj Scotiæ in Belgio concessorum, ac etiam officium nostrj residentis et sollicitoris antedictum regnum tangentium intra limites predictos, nuper possessum et gavisum per dominum Gulielmum Davidson et Petrum Davidsons ejus filium, nunc vaccare et ad nostrum dispositionem existere per dimissionem predicti dominij Gulielmj Davidsons et Petri Davidsons, de data apud aulam nostram de Whitehall vigesimo secundo die mensis Maij instantis; cumque nobis abunde satisfactum sit de meritis animi dotibus et fidelitate delecti nostrj Henrici Wilkie de Boningtoun; igitur fecimus, constituimus et ordinavimus, tenoreque presentium facimus, constituimus et ordinamus prefatum Henricum Wilkie conservatorem dictorum privilegiorum antedictj regnj nostrj Scotie in Belgis concessorum, pro toto tempore vite sue, cum omnibus dignitatibus, privilegijs, feodis, commodis et emolumentis eo spectantibus et pertinentibus: cum

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protestate ei deputatos unum sive plures in dictis officijs (pro quibus respondere tenebuntur), faciendj et constituendj ; ac clericos, serjandos, accessores ac omnes alios curie officarios necessarios locandj et exauctorandj admittendj et pro arbitrio suo eliminendj. Quin etiam fecimus et constituimus, tenoreque presentium facimus et constituimus memoratum Henricum Wilkie nostrum residentem pro omnibus negotijs predicti regnj nostrj intra universos limites septemdecem provinciarum Belgij, quoad vixerit ; cum omnibus dignitatibus, privilegijs, libertatibus, immunitatibus, feodis et casualitatibus eo spectantibus, non minore juris, libertate et amplitudine quam quicunque alius residens seu conservator unquam potitus est : Cuiquidem licebit obire et exercere antedicta officia per semetipsum vel ejus deputatos, perque ejus servos et collectores, ac petere, exigere, recipere et levare omnes et singulos proventus, emolumenta et casualitates, ad dicta officia conservatoris et residentis pertinentia et spectantia, vel quæ ad eadam vel eorum alterutrum quovismodo pertinere poterunt ; cum potestate prefato Henrico Wilkie personas delinquentium capiendi et apprehendendj, et eorum bona distringendi et vendendi. Mandamus porro omnibus subditis dicti nostri [regni], presertim mercatoribus, institoribus, navarchis, et cunctis alijs quorum interest vel interesse poterit, et memoratum Henricum Wilkie ejusque deputatos, omni honore respectu et debita reverentia et obedientia in executione dictorum officiorum afficiant, colant et prosequantur ; utque gratanter et parate solvant ei ejusque deputatis, collectoribus alijsve officiarijs ejus nomine, omnia feoda, proventus et emolumenta ad dicta officia eorumve alterutrum pertinentia, vel que ad eadem quovismodo pertinere poterint, durante spacio antedicto, sub omni extrema pena, prout illi nobis in contrarium [respondebunt]. Presentibus magnum sigillum nostrum appendi mandavimus, anno dominj millesimo sexcentesimo septuagesimo primo et anno Regnj nostrj vigesimo tertio.

Per signaturam manu Supremi Domini nostri Regis suprascriptam.

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vator.

[CHARLES, by the grace of God, King of Scotland, England, France and Ireland, and Defender of the Faith, etc., to all his good men to whom the present letters shall come, greeting. Know ye, whereas it is made known to us that the place and office of conservator of the privileges granted to our subjects of this our ancient kingdom of Scotland in the Netherlands, and also the office of our resident and solicitor in matters concerning our said kingdom within the foresaid bounds, lately possessed and enjoyed by Sir William Davidson and Peter Davidson his son, is now vacant, and at our disposal, through the demission of the foresaid Sir William Davidson and Peter Davidson, of date at our Court of Whitehall the twenty-second day of this instant month of May ; and whereas we are abundantly satisfied of the merit, capacity and faithfulness of our welbeloved Henry Wilkie of Bonington ; therefore we have made constituted and ordained, and by the tenor hereof make, constitute and ordain the foresaid Henry Wilkie conservator of the said privileges granted to our aforesaid kingdom of Scotland in the Netherlands, for the whole space of his life time, with

all the dignities, privileges, fees, advantages and emoluments belonging and pertaining thereto ; with power also to make and constitute deutes one or more in the said offices, for whom he shall be bound to answer ; and to place and displace, admit and dismiss at his pleasure, clerks, serjeants, assessors, and all other officers of court needful ; and also we have made and constituted, and by the tenor hereof make and constitute the foresaid Henry Wilkie our resident for all business of our foresaid kingdom within the whole bounds of the seventeen provinces of the Netherlands, for his life time, with all dignities, privileges, freedoms, immunities fees and casualties belonging thereto, with as much freedom and amplitude of right as any other resident or conservator at any time possessed : To whom it shall be lawful to fulfil and exercise the foresaid offices by himself or his deutes, and by his servants and collectors, and to crave, exact, receive and uplift all and sundry provents, emoluments and casualties, pertaining and belonging to the said offices of conservator and resident, or which may belong to them or either of them in any manner of way : With power to the foresaid Henry Wilkie to take and apprehend the persons of delinquents and to distrain and sell their goods. Further we charge all the subjects of our said kingdom, and in special merchants, factors, shipmasters and all others whom it concerns or may concern, both to treat, regard and attend the foresaid Henry Wilkie and his deutes with all honor, respect, and dutiful reverence and obedience in the execution of the foresaid offices and thankfully and readily pay to him and his deutes, collectors and other officers in his name, all the fees provents and emoluments pertaining to the said offices or either of them, or that may pertain to them in any manner of way, during the foresaid space, under all the utmost penalty, as they shall answer to us in the contrary. We have commanded our great Seal to be appended to these presents, the year of God one thousand six hundred and seventy-one years, and of our reign the twenty-third year.

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By signature superscribed with the hand of our Sovereign Lord the King.]

EDINBURGH the 9th November 1674. Confirmed the 12th January 1675.

The which day, the present convention of burrows considering the prejudice that ariseth from the settlement of their staple port at Dordrecht, judgeth it convenient to endeavour a removeall from thence, and for that effect have appoynted a letter to be written to his Grace the Duke of Lauderdale to move the Kings Majestie to concern himself in the same ; and whereas Henrie Wilkie of Boningtoun by his Majesties royall patent under the great seal of this kingdom is fully authorized in the office of conservator of the priviledges granted to his Majesties subjects in the seventeen provinces of the Netherlands, wee doe therefor recommend unto our said conservator to treat for ws with any toun or place within the United Provinces which shall be by him thought most fitt and

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Henry Wilkie
to treat for
settlement of
the staple port.

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advantageous for the Scotts staple court, and with the approbation of the King's Majestie to conclud vpon all such good articles as shall be condiscended unto for the benefeitt of the staple court and weelfare of the commerce and trade of this kingdome, and what shall be by him concluded and agreed unto shall be approven by the royall burrows and by them halden valide and effectuell. Extractit furch of the registrar of burrows be me Maister James Rocheid, comon clerk of Edinburgh and general clerk to the saids burrows, witnessing hereto my signe and subscription manuall. *Sic subscribitur* : JA. ROCHEID.

Commission by
magistrates of
Campbeer for
settlement of
staple port.

And in lykemaner the magistratts and toun councill of Campbeer for carieing on a work of so much profite and advantage to this place have deputed upon their pairt the Heeren Johan de Maureguau, bailliu, Mr Jacob Goddin and Lenoard Thyssen, rueling burgemasters, Peter Naehout, Stephan Ende, Mr Hendrick Serooskerke, penteonaris and raet deser stadt, as comissioners in their names, with full pouer to conferr and treat with the said conservator and to conclud vpon such articles as shall be agreed unto for establishing of the Scotts staple court within this toun. A true coppie of their coppie doeth herefter follow, viz. :—

Kennelyck sij allen ende eenijgelyk die hetcien guen mach dat wij, bailliu, burgemeesters, schepenen en raden dar stadt vere gehebben gecommiteert ende gedeputeert, gelyck wij comitteren ende deputeren, midts desen dese navegende heeren teweten, die Heeren Johan de Maureguau, balliu, en Meester Jacob Godin en Leonard Thyssen, regerende burgemasters, Arnold Cunigham out burgemeester, Peter Naehout, schepen en raedt, en Meester Henrick Seeroos Kerk, pentionaris en raedt deser stede, specialyck omne van onsen t' wege en vt onsen name, te handelen, tracteren, enslayten wegens de Schotse natie ten dien eijnde alhier aen gecomen; ende salex en allesaken de vogr schreve natie en jugese tenen der voorseyde stadt na haer utterste vermogen te betrachten, soo als sij luijden in alle redlijckheijt ende rechtmatigheijt bevenden sullen te behooren; in kennisse der waerheijt ende rechtmatigheijt bevinden sullen te behooren hebben, dese door onsen secretaris doenteijckenen ende met de se stadis segel bekrachtight binnen vere op den 15 Februarij 1675.

Anderstent en was geteijckent. *Sic subscribitur* : A. DE VOS.

Purport of
Commission.

[Be it known to all and sundry to whose knowledge these may come, that we, the bailies, burgomasters, magistrates and councillors of the town have committed and deputed, like as we commit and depute, with special powers, by these presents, these undernamed gentlemen, to wit, Messrs John de Maureguau, bailie; Jacob Godin and Leonard Thyssen, burgomasters, now in office; Arnold Cunigham, ex-burgomaster; Peter Naehout, magistrate and councillor; Henry Seeroos Kerk, pentioner and councillor, of this town, to transact and treat about all matters under negotiation and relating to us, and to carry through to a settlement here all transactions with the Scotch nation, and generally the fore-

said nation and the authorities of the foresaid town are, to the best of their ability, to endeavour to act towards each other with all becoming honesty and uprightness. And for due testimony of the truth and sincerity of the foregoing these presents have been confirmed by the signature of the secretary and the seal of this town on the 15th of February 1675.

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One copy subscribed.

Sic subscribitur : A. DE VOS.

And both the saids parties haveing by vertue of their severall commissions divers tymes mett they have at lenth mutuallie resolved and agreed in the forme and maner contained in the following articles : viz. :—

Articles agreed
upon.

1. Imprimis. That for the keeping and preserveing of the strick allyance and freendship which (by Gods providence) is made betueen his most sacred Majestie of Great Britan, etc. and the Lords the States Generall of the United Netherlands, and for the long enjoyment of the fruitts of so happie ane peace, the magistratts of this city in all things according to their pouer upon all occassions shall seriouslie give a just and reall demonstration of their true affection to his Majesties royall persone, authoritie, and government, and of their constant inclinations to the weellfaire and tranquilitie of his Majesties kingdoms and dominions, and in particular of his Majesties kingdom of Scotland, and in the manifestation thereof the saids magistrats shall to their pouer obstruct and hinder the buying or selling of all maner of amunition of warre, weapons, offensive and defensive, unto or by any fugitives, rebels, enimies or others disaffected to his Majesties royall persone and government, as also so far as in them is to hinder the printing and publishing of all seditious books and pamphletts within thair jurisdiction and also the transporting of them to any of his Majesties dominions, and if at any tyme herefter the same shall be discovered by the conservator or his deputes and information given to the said citie magistratts thairof, they shall caus speedie punishment to be inflicted upon the persons so offending being found within their jurisdiction, according to their demerits.

Preservation of
peace between
Great Britain
and the Neth-
erlands.

2. Secondly. That there may be one firme correspondence and agreement betuixt the royall burrows of the kingdom of Scotland and the magistratts and toun of Campheer, with the approbation of the lords commissioners from his royall highnes the Prince of Orange, for the establishment of the Scotts staple court in the said toun of Campheer, for the space of tuentie ane yeirs, and so much more tyme as shall be thereafter agreed upon by the royall burrows and this toun, there to enjoy the priviledges and immunities mentioned in the ensueing articles, with all other priviledges formerly granted by this toun by antient contracts, especially that of the yeir 1612, except in so far as may be innovat by this agreement or that may be agreed upon hereftir for the furer encuragement of the said intercourse of trade, and that the magistratts of the said toun of Campheer shall give publict assurance that during the whole tyme of this agreement the said conservator and all other persons haveing dependence upon the

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said staple court may have ane free and saiff conduct and protection within this toun and that they with their famillies and goods may peaceably duell and negotiat there and in the jurisdiction therof.

3. Thirdly. In regaird all the staple comodities that cometh fra the kingdom of Scotland are of the naturall production of that cuntrie, most of them unmanufactured, by which means the toun of Campcheer and other touns of the provences have the conveniencie and advantadge of reduceing the saids comodities into severall manufactories fitt for use, quherby they rype ane greater benefeett then the people of the Scotts nation, therefor it is by this article agreed that all the saids staple commodities may be freely imported to this toun without paying any toll or custom as is here called incoming convoy, licent money and vijeil-gilt money, and last gilt, upon any of the Scotts shippis or other vessellis quhatsomevir to them belonging, and from all such impositions for the future ; and that all residents belonging or anyway depending upon the staple court may be free to enjoy all the priviledges and freedoms that the burgers themselves doe enjoy within the toun and jurisdiction thairof ; and by this article it is agried that all goods which wer staple comodities in Sir Patrick Drummonds tyme are hereby declaired to be staple commodities and no others.

Jurisdiction of
conservator.

4. Fourthly. That the conservator without lett, hinderance, and molestation may exercise jurisdiction in all causes civil and criminall over the persones and goods of all those who belong to the Scotts staple, as also over all others of the Scotts nation alreidy duelling or which shall hereafter duell, remaine, or lodge within the toun of Campcheer or freedom thairof, so that no magistratt or judge of this toun shall have pouer to determine in or upon any question or difference, civil or criminall at any tyme happening between tuo of the Scotts nation, but the same cause shall be only pleaded, adjudged, and by definitive sentence determined by the court of the conservator, and that no factor be member of the court, and that without contradiction or appeal ; and incase of incivilitie, contention, opposition or resistance, the city magistratts shall affoord the conservator or his deputie all help and assistance to bring the offenders to usewall and deserved punishment. And that all acts, ordinances, sentences and decreits, made and given in the conservators court, as also all certificats and lettres testimoniall given, acknowledged and granted, under the hand of the conservator or his deputie and secretary, with the office seal thereto affixed or appended, shall be held and esteemed in all cases, either civil or criminal, als oblidging, legall, and authentick to all intents and purposes as any other given and granted by the magistratts or judges of this toun in cases belonging to their jurisdiction ; and the conservator shall within sex weeks after the signeing of this contract give to the magistratts a list of all such persones as are under the staple court as also of those that shall happen from tyme to tyme hereaftir to live under the jurisdiction of the staple court.

Writings issu-
ing from con-
servator or his
court to be
held authentic

5. Fyftly. If any question or action civil shall fall out between any of the

Scotts nation and any of the inhabitants of this toun, either native or stranger, the plentive or first complener, he being a Scotts man, shall be oblidged first of all to apply himself to the conservator or his deputie, and being a Dutchman to the magistratts, that there may be arbitrators nominat over the bussines in question, and the said conservator together with the magistratts shall upon either syde yeirlie name three arbitrators, the present to include the absent, that may freely cognosce, arbitrat, and determine upon the saids differences, and the sentences and decreits so past in judgement by them upon the willing submission of the pairties shall be holden als valide to all intents and purposes as if the same wer past in judgement befor the magistratts of this toun or conservators court, and that all such decreitts and sentences arbitrall so given shall with all expedition be putt in execution according to the priviledges of this toun and lawes of the cuntrie ; and if it should so happen that the saids arbitrators be equall in their voices, in that case the saids arbitrators shall choise ane vmpire that may pronounce the arbitrall sentence ; and if the saids pairties will not willingly submitt to the said arbitrall sentence then the same is to be brought before the magistratts of this toun to be determined at the knowledge of the conservator or his deputie, and that within fourtie dayes eftir that full probation is made of the caus by both pairties ; and if it shall happen that any of the Scotts nation shall have to doe befor the lords the states or councill of Zealand, the lords of the admirality or toun councill of Midelburgh, whither it be for staying of their shipps, confiscating of their merchandice, or any other caus quahatsomevir, in that case the magistratts of this toun of Campheer shall be oblidged to caus assist them by thair pentionarij or some other of their councill, to the end that those of the Scotts nation may be weill used and als much favoured as any of their own burgesses.

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Actions between Scotchmen and inhabitants of Campheer.

6. Sixtly. To the end that the people of the Scotts nation be not frustrat of the word of God and exercise of the reformed religion in their own propper language, the magistratts of the toun shall hereby be oblidged to provyde for them a convenient church, decently furnished with all necessaries requisite, to the due order and right administration of God's service and exercise thair of, according to the doctrine, service, and discipline acknowledged, practised, and by law established within the kingdom of Scotland, as also a fitting churchyard wherin the dead of that nation and none other (without the consent first obtained from the conservator or his substitute) may be buried, together with such place in the church as shall be by the conservator and his deputies thought fitt, the said church and churchyard to be kept in due reparation at the charges of the toun and to be exempted from any grund right which may be pretended to be payed for burieing within or without the church, and to have the libertie to burie our dead at any tyme of the day or night at our pleasure without giveing any fyne for the same ; and also to have a minister, precenter, and clerk for the service of the said staple church according to their respective

Church and churchyard.

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Pilots, marks
in the channel.

Haven, boats,
waggons, la-
bourers.

callings ; and the said minister being dewly admitted the toun shall provyde that the minister shall receave his yeirlye mantinance in the same maner as it is now payed. And if it shall so happen that the above specified congregation shall so encrease that it shall be fund necessary, to have a second minister for assistance whose interteanment shall be at the charge of the Scotts nation.

7. Sevintly. For the better preventing and eviteing of all perrills and dangers that may be in the incoming to this porte, the magistratts are hereby oblidge to entertaine continually the marks, meiths, tuns and bowes at the entrie and within the channell leading to this toun in all places where it shall be fund requisite, and also that knowing and experienced pilots or pinks be appoynted to bring in and out the shippes belonging to the Scotts staple, at the charges of the employer, in stormie, mistie and dark wether ; and als often as the saids pilots shall be employed and made use of, but no otherwayes in any sorte, their sallarie be regulated vpon all ordinar occasions by the magistratts together with the conservator or his deputie ; and if throw tempest or storme of wether any shippes of the Scotts nation be in danger, and for their saiffitie the skipper be compelled or necessitate to promise to the pilots any exorbitant pilotage by them requyred for inbringing of the saids shippes, in that case the skippers at thair saiff arriveall shall not be oblidge to pay all that they promised to them but the magistratts of this toun shall be holden to modifie according to equitie and right reasone.

8. Eightly. To the intent the shippes of the Scotts nation coming to the porte of this toun may be weel accomodate with a large and spatious haven and key for the safe lying and unlivering of the saids ships and goods, the magistratts of this toun are hereby holden to appoynt the whole shoire where-with the Scotts shippes have been served in tyme bygane from the bridge to the hous called the Oliphant, and that the same be kepted free only for the use of the Scotts nation, provyded with key crans, good help and assistance with boatts, deckboatts, lighters, especiallie in tyme of frost when shippes cannot come to the haven, that there be appoynted a good number of sledds, waggons, and labourers for the tymely loading and unloading of their shippes and goods, which labourers hyre shall be regulate by the conservator and magistratts of this toun ; and if it shall so happen that the haven so appoynted by the magistratts be not sufficient to containe all the number of the Scotts shippes that shall happen to come, in that case the magistratts shall caus accomodate them with so much more place as shall be neidfull by causing their haven master remove all other shippes from the shoire, to the end there may be no contraversie fall out betuixt the mariners of the Scotts nation and those of other nations, and the magistratts shall take such ordor in this point that these of the Scotts nation may have no caus to compleane ; and the shoir masters shall by the magistratts be ordained to keep the saids havens and keyes voyd and cleare that the shippes of the Scotts nation may the more comodously unload and reload without any hinderance or molestation.

The haven master shall lykwayes have a caire that at all ocasioness when the Scotts shippis are coming in and going out the haven shall be patent and open to them without any impediment; and if at any time the shoir master or any in his name shal maliciously cast lousse or cutt any cable or any other rope upon the shoir of any of the Scotts shippis he shall be punished therefore by the magistratts at the sight of the conservator or his deputie, and if the magistratts or shoir master fail in any of this article the magistratts to be lyable for all coast, skaith, and damage.

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9. Nyntly. That the merchands of the Scotts nation coming to this toun in their negotiations may be weill served with pioners, labourers and workmen, with sellers, warehouses and lofts, at ane moderate and easie pryce to be payed by the saids persones; and in case any bugar or other inhabitant shall demand of the saids merchands unreasonable rates the magistratts of the city shall moderate the samen, and the hyre of the labourers and workmen shall be payed according to the rates that shall be agreed upon by the conservator and magistratts of this toun to be sett down in ane table, to be made and published for that purpose, of the wages to be payed for the sledds, waggons, and workmen, as also of the scoutt boatts by watter goeing and coming from this toun to Midelburgh, that the labourers and workmen may be holden to observe and keep the same inviolable conforme to the tenor hereof, the master of the skoutt boatts to be lyable for any damage susteained betuixt Midelburgh and Campheer; and all merchandizing goods unlivered out of the Scotts shippis shall be caried and transported off the shoir in the winter befor thrie hours in the afternoon, and in summer before sex hours at night; and if any of the saids labourers or workmen shall committ any incivility, be word or deed, to any merchands, factors, skippers, mariners or other persones belonging to the Scotts staple, the magistratts shall furthwith caus such to be punished according to the demerite of the fact; and in case any of the goods and wairs belonging to the saids merchants comes to susteane any damage or loss by the inadvertance, willfullness, and delay of the cran masters, his substitute or his servants by him employed for the loadning and unloadning of shippis, the cran masters shall be oblidge to make good the said damage and loss so occasioned, and in case of refuseall shall be thairto compelled by the magistratts; also the workmen and sladers shall be oblidge to make good all damages and losses that shall happen to merchands goods throw thair default.

Merchants to
be served with
workmen,
warehouses,
&c.

10. Tenthly. And for the better accomodation of the Scotts nation in this toun, the magistratts shall be holden to provyde a fair and large hous weell accomodate for ane conserjarie hous, which house shall be free from all excyse and impost upon wyne and beire, the yeirlye rent and constant repaire of the said hous to be at the charge of the toun, and if the said hous shall not be fund sufficient the magistratts are hereby halden by ane new addition to enlarge the same, or if it shall be fund necessary to have another hous of interteanment the

Consergerie
house.

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goods not to
be confiscated.

same to enjoy the lyke priviledges as is abovementioned, onlie the rent of the second hous to be payed at the charge of the nation ; and the master of the conserjarie hous is hereby halden to repaire such things as are willfullie spoyled or damnadged throw his default within the hous.

11. Eleventhly. That if it should happen (which God forbid) that any of the Scotts nation, or any belonging to the Scotts staple court, or hauing dependance thereon, should in this toun or jurisdiction thairof committ such a cryme or fault for which he ought to be punished capitallie by the loss of his life or limb, in that case it is by this article agreed unto (notwithstanding of the forsaid cryme) that his goods shall not in any sorte be lyable to forfaulture or confiscation, but the same shall remaine free to his airs or executors, only the delinquent to pay ten punds Fleemish, and to be free as to his goods according to the priviledge granted to this toun by the Earle of Zealand ; and in lyke maner all the goods and others that shall be fund in his custodie belonging to any other merchand, principall or freend, shall not be lyable to any confiscation for any offence by him committed although it wer *in crimine leso majestatis* of whatsomevir kynd, bot the same goods shall be holden free and made furthcomand to the right owners and proprietars thairof, and also that no person who may be guiltless or innocent shall for the offence guilt or fault of any other be in anywayes arreisted or molested in his persone or goods except he shall be fund bund and oblidged either in his persone or goods for another.

No person be-
longing to the
staple to be ar-
rested.

12. Tueltly. That no person belonging to the Scotts staple shall or may be arreisted in his persone and goods (in the toun or jurisdiction thairof) for debt or any other civill action wherupon no sentence is past, except there be fund just caus of suspition that the pairtie is about to absent himself ; and in case of a declaired sentence the magistratts are hereby holden not to give ordor for arreistment of any of the Scotts nation untill the same be first made known to the lord conservator or his deputie being present in the toun that the pairtie may give caution, and upon knowledge of the matter the proces may be determined.

Inhabitants of
Campheer not
to traffic in
staple goods.

13. Threttently. That no native or stranger, burgers of this toun or indueller therein or jurisdiction thairof, shall have power or be permitted to trade, deal, or trafficque in Scotland in any goods or merchandice which are already declared or shall hereftir be declaired staple commodities by bringing them over themselves or causing others to bring them, upon the penaltie of haveing the saids goods confiscated *toties quoties* by the magistratts of the toun, and if any persones of the Scotts nation shall be fund in their names to cover, conceal, and negotiat for the above said persones, they shall be punished by the conservator or his deputie according to the lawes of the staple court ; and it is by this article further agreed that no persone of the Scotts nation shall be made a free burgar of this toun without knowledg and consent of the conservator or his deputie, and they who ar alredie burgars shall in no maner of way be favoured to trade in staple goods untill such tyme as they have quytte their right of burgership and thereafter be

Scottsmen bur-
geses of Cam-
pheer.

legallie admitted and declaired by the conservator or his depute as members of the Scotts staple court, upon the penalties above exprest, nether shall any induellar in this toun be admitted under the Scotts staple court without the knowledge and consent of the magistratts.

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or taken at sea.

14. Fourteenthly. And for the better encouragment of the navigation and trade of the Scotts nation it is by this article agreed that in case any ship or ships belonging to them be robbed, spoiled, or taken at sea by any inhabitant or others holding themselves under the jurisdiction of the province of Zealand, the magistratts of this toun shall hereby be oblidge to endeavour (according to their power) that all such shippes or goods be againe restored with their intire loadnings or what shall be so robbed or taken, or els caus full satisfaction be given to the persone or persones so wronged proportionallie to the right value thair of, and shall caus the delinquents be punished according to the nature of the offence, but if so that the offender duell under another jurisdiction, then the magistratts shall be oblidge by their pentionarij or others to require the restitution and satisfaction for the said damage, and that at the coast and charge of the toun. And further that all goods of ships cast away belonging to the merchand and factors of the Scotts staple that shall be saved by any inhabitant or other persone holding themselves under the jurisdiction of this toun or any way concealed or made away be them in any sorte, then the magistratts are hereby holden to use their pover and autoritie, to the end the saids goods or value thair of might be furthcoming to the right owners, and the persones so offending to be severly punished for such their concealment and unjust detention, and also in case the saids goods shall happen to be taken up, concealed, or embazled be any persone or persones liveing without the jurisdiction of this toun, the magistratts shall use their best endeavour to gett the saids goods or their value againe restored to the right owners ; and in case any shipp or shippes shall be in danger to be cast away in the passage leading to this toun, that then all possible and speedie help shall be employed at the coast of the owner of the goods for preservation of the same.

Ships cast
away.

15. Fyfteenthly. If in case any of the inhabitants here being adebted to any of the staple shall come to obtaine letters of respyte of tyme or suretie *de corpis* or *cessio bonorum*, these of the nation shall be favoured and used in the same maner as any other creditor, induellar in this toun ; and if it shall happen that any of the staple adebted to any induellar in this cuntrie, or ane induellar adebted to any of the staple, doe come to fail, if in that case it be fund necessar to appoynt a curator over his goods, then shall the magistratts with the conservator upon each syde choise a curator or overseer, who shall joynly dispose and manadge the whole estate of the partie insolvent.

Letters of re-
spite, or cessio
bonorum.

16. Sixteenthly. For the better securing of the estate of any of the Scotts nation that shall happen to die in this toun, the magistratts is by this article holden to grant and agree unto those of the Scotts staple court that if any of their members hapning to die or depairt this life intestat, without making his last will and

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estates of mem-
bers of staple
dying intes-
tate.

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testament, that then and in that case their goods and estate shall and most fall under the administration of the court of the lord conservator, in so much that nether the magistratts nor the orphans court in this place shall have anything to doe with the saids goods or estates of the persons so dieing or exercise any authoritie thairupon.

Liberty to use
prison.

17. Sevinteenthly. The magistratts doe by this article promise and consent that the conservator or his deputie shall and may use the prisson of this toun at their pleasure, furnished with all necessars thereto belonging, in which the conservator or his deputie shall and may caus to be imprisoned all such debtors, offenders, and evill doers of the Scotts nation, which he the said conservator or his deputie may imprison, and againe enlarge out of the same at his or their pleasure, without contradiction or being obliged to informe the toun magistratts therewith, and that the marshell, keeper of the prisone or his officers, be obliged to give all due assistance to the said conservator or his deputie als often as he or they shall be thereunto requyred.

Convoy of
ships.

18. Eighteenthly. And for the better secureing of the trade of the Scotts nation it is hereby agreed that the magistratts shall upon all fitting and convenient occasion in the tyme of warre and danger procure in the court of admirality in Zealand a weell furnished man of warre ane or mae (if need be) that may freely goe out in convoy of the ships belonging to the Scotts nation to any place or places within the river of Forth or any other place in the kingdom of Scotland, and there to stay and attend for the space of fourteen dayes for bringing back the saids shippes or others to this porte.

Night watch.

19. Nynteently. It is by this article agreed that the magistratts of this toun caus good and sufficient watch to be kept in the streetts in the night tyme, especially in those places where the greatest pairt of waire houses of the said staple court are, and shall also take care that the inhabitants and burgers of this toun shall carie and demean themselves peaceablie and in ane frendly maner to those who are members of the said staple court. And further the saids magistratts doe also consent by these presents that those of the Scotts staple may take in their service such ane doctor of phisik, chirurgian, barbor, and apothecary as they shall think good, without any contradiction, who may enjoy all such immunities and priviledges as be right and custome belongs to the doctors chirurgians duelling in this toun ; all other doctors, apothecaries and chirurgians shall also be freely permitted to practise among all such of the Scotts nation as reseid here ; also the magistratts doe grant to the barbor chirurgian of the Scotts nation a sufficient hous rent free. The magistratts are also holden by this article to

Doctor, sur-
geon, and apo-
thecary.

Place for dry-
ing goods.

provyde and appropriat to the use of these of the Scotts staple a convenient place for their merchands and factors, therin to aire and dry their sheep skinns, hyds, or other goods which may be in dainger to be damnified by watter or otherways ; and also to affoord those of the Scotts nation a convenient place for their merchands and factors within or near the toun wherinto they may resorte for their

Recreation,
fishing and
hunting.

bodilie recreation ; and lykwayes libertie and freedom to the conservator his deputs, court officers, and merchants to fish, hunt, shoott and hauck in all places under the jurisdiction of this toun without lett, hinderance, or molestation, with the same freedom the magistratts themselves enjoy.

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Provision for leaving town in time of war or plague.

20. Tuentie. And in case (as God forbid) that by reason of any intesten warr or plague, the people of the Scotts nation may not with securitie and saiffitie to themselves frequent this toun then it shall be lawfull for them to transport themselves their goods and merchandise freely to any other toun or place they shall think fitt, provyded alwayes they pay befor their depairture what they shall be justly adebted to any inhabitant within this toun ; and the magistratts is hereby holden obliged to caus help and assist the said nation with shippes, hoyes, and all other things necessary for their transportation upon their reasonable charges ; and in lykmaner the magistratts are by this article holden obliged that if in case (which God prevent) any difference should aryse betuixt the King of Great Brittan and these United Provinces, whereupon hostilitie and warre may ensue, in that case they are to give save and sure protection to all persons of the Scotts nation for sex moneths tyme aftir the publication of the said warr, according to the 32 article of the generall treatie betuixt the King of Great Brittan and the States Generall, to the end that those of the Scotts nation may recover and gett in the debts dew to them and also pay what they may be owing to any of the inhabitants here, and theraftir withdraw themselves to any other place they shall think fitt, the magistratts affording them the same assistance mentioned in the forrgoeing pairt of this article, and when the pestilence is over the Scotts nation to return againe to this toun.

21. Tuentie ane. That if any of the Scotts nation shall happen to marie with any woman in the Netherlands or within the toun of Camphreer, and aftir the said mariadge reside here under the staple court, the said woman shall be holden to be under the government of the lawes of Scotland, and that she neither shall nor may by contract of marriage or otherways detaine, keep, or dispose of her husbands goods to the prejudice of his lawfull creditors, bot concerning that she most be regulat according to the saids lawes of the kingdom of Scotland ; and lykwayes that no persone, whither man or woman, depending upon the Scotts staple, be permitted to dispoise of their goods by testament or otherways contrare to the saids lawes of Scotland and staple court, and the tutors and curators of children in minoritie shall also be regulat according to the saids lawes.

Scottsmen and their wives subject to laws of Scotland.

22. Tuentie tuo. And quheras the trade and commerce of the Scotts nation doeth consist not only in the importation but also in the exportation of goods and merchandices from these provinces in which the toun of Middelburgh is concerned, that the magistratts here may make the same known to the magistratts of Middelburgh, to the end the conservator and others belonging to the Scotts staple court may be used in that toun with all kyndnes and freendly respectand with the same freedom and immunities that any free burger here may there enjoy.

Trading with Middelburgh.

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All staple
goods brought
to Netherlands
to be taken to
staple port.

23. Tuentie third. And for the better observance of the staple porte, it is by this article agreed unto by the conservator that no staple goods contained in the list made thereof shall be brought and sold into any harbor of the United Provinces bot to the staple porte, under the paine of confiscation of the saids goods, and that the conservator is holden to persew the contraveeners rigorously without any connivance according to the lawes of the staple court, that the magistratts of this toun may make ane suteable adress to his highnes the Prince of Orange for interposeing his authoritie that in case any of the Scotts nation shall importe any staple goods to any other toun or place in these provinces (besyde the staple porte) that the respective magistratts of the saids touns or places may by his highnes be oblidge to assist the said conservator his deputie and other officers for bringing these of the Scotts nation to condigne punishment according to the nature of the offence, and in case justice cannot be obtained in those towns or places in these provinces in the Netherlands then the conservator shall caus punish the saids persons (for transgressing) in Scotland according to the ordinances of the royall burrows and acts of parliament of that kingdom to that effect.

Wine and beer
free of excise.

24. Tuentie fourth. It is by this article agreed that besyde the species of wyne and beire which by ancient contracts hes alwayes been free of excyse, so also all salt bought here by any of the Scotts nation shall be free of the said duetie in regard they have use thereof for cureing and dressing severall sorts of staple goods, and for the avoyding fraud and deceitt that may happen therein those of the Scotts nation shall take a billott from the pathters under the paine enjoyned to the inhabitants by the publict placcats of this land, and the said wyne and beire to be caried by the ordinar workman appoynted for that purpose.

Anchor and
buoy.

25. Tuentie fyfth. And lykwayes, it is agreed that the magistratts doe appoynt ane anchor with a boy thereon to be laid out in the road before the haven quherby shippis belonging to the Scotts nation may gett savely into the road in cases of eisterly and northerly winds.

Ballast.

26. Tuentie sixth. As also if any of the Scotts shippis can help his nighbor with the ballast from his shipp those of the scouttmen shall not be permitted to object against the same, and they shall only demand payment for such quantitie of ballast as they shall be ordered to bring aboard provyding it be no less as sex last.

Skippers and
shipmasters
free of excise.

27. Tuentie sevinth. And that all skippers and masters of shippis, alswell as the residents of the Scotts nation, are hereby holden to be free of the excyse of the wyne, beare, and salt that they may have use for thair shippis, and to have constantly bilgets given them without paying anything for the same.

Tables for hire
of cranmasters,
&c., to be read
annually.

28. Tuentie eight. That the magistratts doe yeirly and everie yeire in January assemble the cranmasters, weighers, measurers, workmen, and other persones with whom those of the Scotts staple shall have to doe, and shall caus

to be read and published before them all and every the tables that shall be agried upon for the hyre and sallarie that may be demanded by the saids persons, and also to caus read any pairt of these articles wherein the above-mentioned persones may be concerned, to the end they the better know how to regulate themselves therein and give all redde obedience thereto, and in case any person shall contraveen the same they are to be punished by the magistratts according to the demerit of the offence.

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29. Tuentie nynth. And whereas it will be necessarie that the said Scotts staple court should be provyded and furnished with faithfull and fitting messengers, officers and servants, and also with brookers, weighers, and measurers, that therefor the magistratts of this town, with the knowledge of the conservator, shall choise and place so many honest good and knowing persones as may be requisite for these offices, to be chosen alsweill out of the Scotts nation as inhabitants of this citie, all which persones so admitted are to take ane oath of fidelitie before the magistratts of this town, and also befor the conservator, for doeing right both to the buyer and seller. The magistratts are obliged to have in their wiehous here iron weights that may be conform to the weights of Amsterdam.

Supply of mes-
sengers, offi-
cers, servants,
weighers, and
others.

30. Threttie. The conservator and his depute may fully and freely enjoy all such exemptions, immunities, privildges and prerogatives as be law and custome belong to the office of conservatorship, in als ample maner and forne as any former conservator had and enjoyed upon all occasions; and also it is grauted to the saids Scotts nation the freedom from the imposition of excyse upon wyne, beire, and all other sorts of drink conform to the old contracts, and particularly it is agreed that everie master of ane famillie of the Scotts nation living under the staple court shall have the freedom and exemption from payment of the excyse and uther taxations yeirlie upon sex secks of wheatt, three lasts of turff, four fathoms of wood, sex skaills of coalls, tuo barrells of butter, tuo barrellis of soap, and the conserjarie hous to be free of excyse for vivers, coalls and fyreing, and lykwayes from payment of all such souns of money as may be demanded for goeing out and coming in at the gates of this town by evening, and also from watching and paying the citie watchmen, training and having souldiers quartered in their houses; the abovementioned priviledges also to be enjoyed by the widows of the abovesaid persones so long as they remaine widowes, and if any of the abovesaid persons shall have occasion yeirlie to kill a beast or beasts the same to be done at the knowledge of the magistratts.

Privileges of
conservator
and the se
of Scots nation.

31. Threttie ane. It is by this article mutuallie agreed that if at any tyme hereafter it shall be fund convenient, either by the magistratts of this town or the conservator, with consent of the burrows, to amplifie or explaine any of the aforesaid articles, or what other poynt or article shall be fund necessary for the further benefit and advantadge of the Scotts staple in this town besyds those which stand alrede specefiet in this agreement, and nottice given thairof by the saids magistratts to the conservator and to the saids royall burrows, or by them

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altering ar-
ticles.

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Bank; rate of
interest.

to the saids magistratts, the same being fund equitable shall be consented unto and observed in all poynts as the articles already specifiet.

32. Threttie tuo. It is also by this article mutuallie agreed that for the better encouradgement of the commerce of the Scotts nation within the toun of Campbeer, the magistratts are hereby bund and oblidged to caus erect a bank of money within this toun within half ane yeire aftir the setlement of the staple porte, wherby the merchands, factors, and others of the Scotts nation may be furnished from tyme to tyme with such souns of money as they may have occasion of, upon securitie to them by delivering the merchauds goods to the factors, and the factors giving securitie to the bank vpon the reasonable interest of ane half per cent. in the moneth, and *pro rato* for the dayes, weeks, moneths and yeirs untill the same be againe payed. It is hereby also provyded that during the present warre with France, money being scarce at hie rates in the interest, the said merchands, factors, and others shall be oblidged to pay for such moneys as they may make use of at such rates as the necessity of the tymes oblidgeth others to pay, bot so soon as the warr is over then the forrgoing agreement according to the rate of sex per cent. per annum to be and continow in full force according to the true intent and meaning of this article; and als it is agreed that there be no confiscation of not entred goods coming from Scotland to the said staple porte by the custom office or for short entries bot only ane moderat fyne, and that ther be no more payed for measuring of plaiding then wes in Sir Patrick Drumonds tyme, viz., ane half stiver per taillie, or ane stiver the 100 elns.

Infringement
of agreement.

33. Threttie thrie. And if any persone or persones, citizen or inhabitant of this toun, or any depending upon the said staple court, of whatsomevir qualitie or condition, shall be fund to have acted or done anything contrare to this agreement or any poynt or claus therein contened, yet notwithstanding the agreement mentioned in the foirgoeing articles shall not be understood to be broken or violated thairby, bot the persons contraveining (being a Scottsman) shall be punished by the conservator, and being ane citizen or inhabitant in this toun to be lyable to the punishment by the magistratts according to the qualitie of the offence.

Dues for goods
weighed, and
cran dues.

34. Threttie four. And it is hereby agreed that if any dispute shall happen to aryse between the Scotts nation and the ballance masters concerning the right of those goods that are to be subject to the said ballance the ballance master shall only pretend the dewes vpon such goods as shall be reallie and truely bought to be weighed at the said ballance and no others; and the merchands to be free to sell their merchandice by the peice, number, or bulk without being oblidged to bring the same to the wiehous; and in lykemaner the cranmaster shall not demand from the Scotts merchands and factors any cran dewes bot allenerly for such dewes as he shall actuallie be employed to liver with the said cran.

Goods not to
be confiscated.

35. Threttie fyve. It is also agried that if in case any of the Scotts nation shall through misunderstanding, negligence, or other caus whatsomevir, omitt to make ane true and right entrie of their goods and merchandize to be by them im-

ported or exported, be it either in quantitie or qualitie, the saids goods shall not be lyable to any confiscation, only the persons so offending shall be obliged to pay the double duetie for the goods wrong entered or concealed, and the saids goods to be free.

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36. Threttie sex. It is lykwayes agried that if any question or difference happen to fall out between any of the Scots nation and the publict receivers of the toll and other dewes, the receivers are to bring thair action befor the magistratts of this toun, to the end the conservator or his deputs may have knowledge thairrof, and that such good ordors may be settled therein that these of the Scots nation may not be extorted in payment of the saids dewes upon exported goods.

Disputes between those of Scots nation and the receiver of dues.

37. Threttie sevin. It is also hereby agreed for the better settleing of the Scotts staple within this toun that the magistratts shall use all possible endeavors with his highnes the Prince of Orange and the states of Zealand to the end the imposition upon the Scotts coall be lessned, that all the Scotts shippis coming to these provinces may thairby be obliged to come constantly to the staple port.

Imposition on Scotts coal.

38. Threttie eight. It is by this article mutuallie agried that whensoever any Scotts shipp or vessell shall be by stress of wether or otherwayes putt in to Campheer haveing in staple goods and not being intended to liver within the sevin united provinces, in that case they shall not be trubled nor molested bot shall have libertie to goe to their intended porte and to pay no dewes ; as also if any vessell shall come in to the staple porte or other goods that are not staple goods, being only intended to unload a pairt at the staple and is to goe to another place without the sevin united provinces with the remainder of the goods, then they are not to be trubled nor molested, nor to pay no dewes bot what they doe unload.

Dues not to be paid for certain ships and goods.

39. Threttie nyne. It is by this article mutuallie agried and declared that the continuance of the Scotts staple at Campheer shall continue and endure for the space of tuentie ane yeirs aftir the signeing of this agreement and no longer without the samen be renewed ; and in respect the royall burrows of Scotland stands bound to the toun of Dorte to keep their staple porte there, therefor the magistratts and toun of Campheer, with consent of the lords comissioners from the royall highness the Prince of Orange, binds and oblidges them not only to doe their outmost endeavour and to interpose with his highnes the Prince of Orange for making voyd ane former agreement betuixt the royall burrows and the toun of Dorte anent the establishment of the Scotts staple there, but also binds and oblidges them to freeth and relieve the royall burrowes of Scotland of the said agreement with Dorte, and of all coast, skaith, damage which they or any particular Scotts man may susteane or incurre any maner of way be vertue of the said agreement with the magistratts and toun of Dorte, which they solemnly be thir presentis oblidges them to doe and performe.

Staple to continue at Campheer for 21 years.

40. Lastly. In consideration of all the foresaids articles, the magistratts of the toun of Campheer, with consent forsaide, doe promise to observe and caus to be observed inviolably all the forsaid articles that are performable vpon their pairt ;

Obligation to observe articles.

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as lykwayes the abovementioned conservator, be vertue of the abovementioned commissions, hath promised and be this underwrittin subscription doe promise that ordor shall be taken with all diligence to inhibite any shippes of what quantitie soever without exemptione which carries staple goods to frequent or haunt any other porte or havin within the seven united provinces of the Netherlands but this toun of Campbeer, and to caus punish rigorously all these persones that shall doe in the contrare. All this done and agreed unto. The lord conservator and the comissioners of his highnes the Prince of Orange, with the deputies of the magistratts of the toun of Campbeer, have in testimonie of the trueth of this sett to ther hands.

Sic Superscribitur : CHARLES R.

Approbation
by the King of
the foregoing
Articles.

WHEREAS Henrie Wilkie, our resident for the affairs of our antient kingdome of Scotland in the seventeen provinces of the Netherlands, and conservator of the priviledges granted to our subjects of that our kingdom in the Low Cuntries, hath by our commission and allowance agreed upon articles with the comissioners of the Prince of Orange, and deputies of the toun of Campbeer for the resettlement of the Scotts staple court and trade of that our antient kingdom within the said toun, which articles are approved by our royall burrows in Scotland, and wee being willing to countenance the trade and commerce of our said antient kingdom by giveing our royall assent to what seemeth most advantageous for the same, therefor wee doe approve by these presentis of the saids articles off which the foirgoing coppie is sent to our secretary, signed by the lord provest of Edinburgh by direction from our royall burrows, by which the Scotts staple is removed from Dorte to Campbeer by our speciall allowance ; provyded always that nothing in the forsaid articles be contrary to or in any maner of way to be constructed to militate against the many antient standing acts of parliament made by our royall progenitors in favor of the staple court or the conservator or against the jurisdiction of the said conservator or his dewes according to our royall patent granted to him for that effect ; and, to the end the same may be made known to all our loveing subjects, wee ordaine a letter to be written to our privie councill in Scotland requyreing them to make publick intimation of this our royall pleasure, that the staple court be fullie settled at Campbeer, and that the antient standing acts of parliament in favour of the staple court and conservator be all declaired to be in full force ; and further wee ordaine the royall burrows in their meettings to make strict ordors that the staple may be duely observed, which wee declare shall be binding to all our subjects whatsom-evir trading in forraigne commerce, and also to make a table of the conservators dewes upon all exportable goods from our kingdom of Scotland suteable to his office and employment in our service. Given at our court at Whytehall the 2d July 1676 and of our reign the 28th yeare.

By his Majesties command.

Sic subscribitur : LAUDERDALE.

